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## Einstein To Be Operated On

New York, Dec. 30.—Professor Albert Einstein, 70-year-old next March, will be operated on tomorrow because of a gall bladder defect. His doctors said the operation was for nothing malignant but merely a surgical correction of a long-standing condition.

The operation will be performed by Dr. Rudolf Nissen, professor of surgery in Berlin.—Reuter.

## H.K. Govt. Rep. Coming To Colony

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Dec. 30.—Mr. E. G. A. Grimwood, the Hongkong Government's representative in London, will leave on January 5 for talks in Hongkong.

Among the matters he will discuss with the Government will be the Colony's import quotas for the coming year, Hongkong's part in the British Industries Fair, general advertising in the United Kingdom, and the establishment of the London office of the Hongkong Government "on a proper footing."

During the last few months Mr. Grimwood has been in close contact with the Board of Trade and has sent the Hongkong Government considerable information on the question of placing Hongkong exports in the United Kingdom.

"I have several queries from English businessmen on the possibility of improving the quality of the Colony's exports, and also some ideas for opening up new lines in the export trade," he told me.

"I'm also going to explain how highly Hongkong is rated by the people of Britain at the moment," he added.

Mr. Grimwood expects to be in Hongkong for six weeks, after which he will return to London to deal with Hongkong's stall at the British Industries Fair.

## Royalty At Circus

London, Dec. 30.—Princess Elizabeth, with the Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Margaret and a small party of friends, saw Bertram Mills' Christmas-time circus at the Olympia Exhibition Hall here tonight—her second night out since the birth of her baby.—Reuter.

## EDITORIAL

### Hotel Rates Report

MAKING full allowance for the "complex and controversial" nature of the investigation, the report of the Hotel Rates Advisory Committee is not likely to arouse a great deal of popular enthusiasm. There has been an obvious endeavour to reach what the committee feel to be a fair compromise, and where they have recommended reductions in current rates, these will, at least should, enjoy a measure of popularity among residents. Two points are made in the report which are somewhat cloudy in meaning. The committee observes that in a report of this nature they could only deal with broad principles, and that cases of hardship either individual or collective both in respect of residents and hotel management have been disregarded. That can be accepted as a sensible approach, but it is rather a pity the report fails to indicate what precisely were the broad principles on which the committee worked. They are difficult to discern within the recommendations. Later on, when referring to the proposition that the percentage of accommodation should be reserved for "resident guests," the committee adds the notation that this is something which interferes with the normal course of the hotel industry, but that the present circumstances justify the recommendations. This seems to be a long way from broad principles. In fact the two sentiments expressed in the qualifying sentence quoted above represent the special "hardship" pleadings of both hotel managers and residents. We are perfectly in agreement with the committee, however, in its decision to

recommend percentage reservations, even though the feeling is left that some hotels may not be carrying their full share of this "burden." The fairness and objectivity of the committee's recommendations, where they are recommended, cannot be critically assessed here because vital statistics bearing on this question are not available to the public. But it is appreciated that the committee was well served by the data and it can therefore be accepted that the recommendations are justly arrived at. To the committee, the most astonishing feature of the inquiry must have been display of apathy given by hotel residents for of the 1,125 questionnaires sent to occupants of rooms in the European type hotels, only one third bothered to reply. It is this sort of thing that remains the constant despair of those who work hard and sincerely in what is regarded as the interests of the public, and it is an unpleasant reminder of the indifference of the average person to matters affecting even himself. Now that the committee has completed its task, the rest is up to the Government, which would be foolish in the extreme to delay too long its decisions regarding the recommendations. The reasons why the committee's deliberations were so extended have been given, and the explanation is accepted. But there are no acceptable grounds for Government failing to act on the report rapidly, and if the committee's recommendations are accepted in toto, it should be insisted that they become operative from the day they were laid on the Legislative Council table.

## NEWSPAPERS' CONCERN

Chinese newspapers voiced concern over this development, pointing out that fire engines would have to make lengthy detours in the event of a conflagration, while residents of thickly populated districts felt that they would find themselves boxed in should any emergency arise in their neighbourhood.

Amid this gloom, the people of North China continue to pursue their "peace offensive" through the medium of a highly-representative body of industrial, commercial and educational circles.

The latest action, taken just before curfew last night, was a short telegram to high officials and generals, now assembling in Nanking.

The cable, despatched through the care of General Yen Hsi-shan, Governor of Shansi, declared: "The people of North China are eagerly longing for peace. They cannot bear further misery and sufferings. As the life or death of the country now hangs upon the decision of your momentous meeting, we fervently hope you will courageously speak and act according to the wishes of the people."

## STILL TENSE

The cable was signed by 81 of Tientsin's most prominent inhabitants, who earlier had addressed peace appeals to President Chiang Kai-shek and Mao Tse-tung, China's No. 1 Communist.

Despite the occasional resounding blasts throughout yesterday, no military contacts occurred in the various sectors around Tientsin, according to the Chinese press, which however stated the position was still tense.

Red concentrations in the southern suburbs were estimated at two columns while another was based at Panchichuan, about 30 kilometres northwest of Tientsin.

The Chinese Air Force made reconnaissance flights yesterday.—Reuter.

## HOPES RISING FOR PEACE IN N. CHINA

### Settlement Likely Before Chinese New Year

By SPENCER MOOSA

Peiping, Dec. 31.—New Year approaches with hopes of peace in North China higher than ever. It is generally believed that some sort of settlement will be worked out before the Chinese New Year, which starts on January 29.

Many delicate and complicated factors are involved, one of them, "face" for the Nationalists who must bargain for the best terms they can get.

There is nothing, short of active combat aid by a friendly power, which would extricate the Nationalists in North China from the hopeless military situation in which they find themselves today.

They have only two choices: firstly, to go down fighting and, if necessary, bring Tientsin down in ruins with them or, secondly, reach a peaceful settlement, bitter though it might be. All the present indications point to a conference room accord.

The only question is whether North China will be embraced in a general agreement or be involved in a local one.

The Nationalists here would doubtless prefer the final decision to be made in Nanking as that would have their "face." But if Nanking decides to go on with the fight at all costs, then the Nationalists here must make up their mind and the Reds could help them by delivering a real attack on Peiping itself, a thing which they have hitherto avoided.

## REDS YIELD GROUND

The Reds yielded ground near Tangku, southeast of Tientsin, North China, commander General Fu Tso-yi's headquarters claimed.

The Nationalists reoccupied Hsingsu on the railway to Tientsin, three and a half miles from Tangku.

Headquarters described the situation around Tientsin as unchanged and said no fighting occurred yesterday in the "Peiping area."

Headquarters claimed the Nationalists dispersed small bands of Reds north and east of Tating in Northern Shansi.

In Peiping, General Fu conferred with General Teng Shun-shan, commander of Nationalist forces in Northern Shensi, who arrived yesterday.

The meetings spurred rumours that any compromise reached in North China might be extended to embrace the provinces of Shensi,

Ninghsia and Chinghai. There were also rumours that Gen. Fu is planning to resign as Associated Press.

## COMMUNISTS MOVE

Tientsin, Dec. 31.—The situation around Tientsin last night was described as uneventful without military action by defending Nationalists.

However, about 30,000 Communist troops at Tientsin, about 12 miles east of Peiping moved westward and "are proceeding elsewhere," according to Chinese reports—which observers said would only bring them closer to Peiping.

This, it was thought, might account for the Chinese Air Force reconnaissance flights yesterday morning. Nationalist General Hou Ching-ju, commanding the Tangku-Taku area, telegraphed that the Communist 9th column suffered heavily from shelling by naval guns. Among the casualties claimed was a Communist divisional commander.

Important thoroughfares throughout Tientsin, including streets in the former British Concession in the vicinity of the official residence of the British Consul-General Mr. Scott L. Burdett, were being sealed off today by walls of gunny bags as the architects of Tientsin's military defences swung even deeper into the heart of the residential and shopping districts.

Solid sacks of walls were being erected and others were under construction with labour summoned from respective areas, including shopkeepers and white collar workers.



The Editor and his staff  
wish their readers a  
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## Indonesians Won't Talk Peace Until Leaders Released

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Indonesian Republic will not deal with the Dutch while its leaders are imprisoned, the Indonesian delegate Mr. L. N. Palar said on Thursday.

## Singapore's Huge New Airport

Singapore, Dec. 30.—Tengah, the Royal Air Force airfield 12 miles north of Singapore, is to be developed into a great international airport for the world's heaviest planes, a Government spokesman announced here today.

The airport was originally planned at Changi, built during the war by British prisoners of the Japanese east of the city, but work on its £3,000,000 development plan was suspended earlier this year because of mud and a shifting subsoil.

It was understood that Singapore was contributing about £750,000 towards the airport, while the British Government would bear most of the rest.

The spokesman was unable to say how much money was spent on Changi before the shifting subsoil was discovered. He declined to comment on rumours that specimens of black mud from Changi had been analyzed in London as "blue clay."—Reuter.

## MADAME CHIANG AND PRESIDENT TRUMAN

### No Further Talks Planned

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Truman said on Thursday he has no further plans to see Madame Chiang Kai-shek and that any word on China aid would be in his message to the United States Congress next week.

Asked at his news conference if he would recommend further aid to the hard pressed Nationalist Government, the President replied only that the subject would appear in his message to the nation's lawmakers.

Another reporter said there had been a suggestion that Generalissimo Chiang should be tried as a war criminal. The reporter remarked that Under-Secretary of State Mr. Lovett has called the suggestion "unthinkable."

Mr. Truman replied that Mr. Lovett had made the proper statement. The President said the Chiang Government is the recognised government of China.—Associated Press.

Mr. Palar, who represented the Republic at the United Nations meetings which ended on Wednesday, told a news conference: "No negotiations with the Dutch are possible as long as the leaders of the Republic are imprisoned and as long as the Dutch troops have not been withdrawn to the original truce lines."

President Soekarno and other Indonesian leaders were captured when the Dutch took their capital, Jogjakarta. The Security Council received a report on Wednesday that they had been "assigned residence" in "mountain resorts outside Java."

The Dutch Ambassador Jan Herman Van Royen said they would be released if they promised not to make trouble. This would be done he told the Council, after military action is over in the Indies—about January 2 or 3. The United States, Russia and other nations expressed displeasure on Wednesday night at the Dutch statement.

## RESISTANCE TO GO ON

U.S. delegate Mr. Philip C. Jessup, who left for New York on Thursday said he hoped the Dutch would report compliance with the Council's orders at the next meeting. The Council convenes again at Lake Success on January 6. Last Monday, the Council gave the Netherlands 24 hours to release the Indonesian leaders.

Mr. Jessup called the Dutch statement unsatisfactory.

On Christmas eve, the Council ordered both sides to cease fire—Mr. Palar said on Thursday.

"The defiance of the Security Council's orders by the Dutch has compelled our troops to continue their resistance, which will be carried out until the complete exhaustion of the Dutch military, economy and financial resources both in Indonesia and in Holland."

He charged the Dutch with planning to set up a "unilateral, Dutch-controlled interim federal government." The trip to Indonesia of the Dutch Premier, Mr. Willem Drees, he said, is "aimed at creating a smoke-screen to prevent foreign intervention."

Mr. Palar said the Dutch estimates of the time they need to pacify Indonesia have risen from three to nine months.—Associated Press.

## A World Programme Of Military Assistance

### U.S. GOVT. PLAN

Washington, Dec. 30.—The United States Government will ask the new Congress when it convenes next week to back a world programme of military assistance, enabling the United States to give aid to any "free country" when it is needed, "it was learned from State and Defence Department sources today."

The programme will incorporate military aid schemes for Western Europe, Greece and Turkey, and probably China.

The proposed legislation will mention no names and therefore permit the Government broad action to choose any country it thinks needs aid at any given time.

### LEND-LEASE PARALLEL

The scheme will parallel in many respects the wartime lend-lease programme when, despite strong Congressional objections, the President secured power to send "aid to any country whose defence the President considers vital to the defence of the United States."

There will be no separate Western European military defence programme, no self-contained Greek-Turkish scheme and no separate plan for China, the sources said.

Tentative details of these countries' needs will be given in the course of hearings but will not be included in the final legislation.

Unofficial estimates put the cost of the programme in the first year at about \$2,500 million. As the Secretary of Defence, Mr. James Forrestal, said yesterday the programme "will begin in modest proportions"—about \$200 million for Western Europe, \$350 million for Greece and Turkey, and \$125 million in China—though this depends entirely on the outcome of current events there.

### QUICK ACTION

The State and Defence Department sources laid special stress on the Truman Administration's desire for freedom of action—quick action. The "mention no names" method of approach would allow the Government to make available funds strategically. As membership of the projected North Atlantic defence alliance broadened, new members could be included in the scheme without reference to Congress.

One example of this was said to be the Government's desire to extend military aid to Italy to the limit allowed under the peace treaty.

Italy is not likely to become an immediate member of the North Atlantic Pact, but the global programme would allow her to be given aid without any new legislation.—Reuter.

## Steamer Aground

Newhaven Sussex, Dec. 30.—The cross-Channel steamer Arramanches, returning to Newhaven from Dieppe, France, with 344 passengers, went aground just outside the harbour here in a gale tonight.

The Arramanches later got away under her own power. Arrangements had been made for a tug to help her. She is a vessel of 2,600 tons, owned by the French National Railways.—Reuter.

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## A SEAT IN THE STALLS

The fans are saying—

# Give us more women like these

Leonard Moseley At The Films

I TOOK a couple of 'young friends of mine along to see the new British film "THE GUINEA PIG," and a new American film, "ON OUR MERRY WAY."

Both films are about on the same level of enjoyment and competence. So I asked my friends which of them they preferred.

"The American film," they said. "Except for the big prestige pictures, we usually prefer the Americans. American films always have 'Women in them.'"

Somewhat agog at this unexpected sex-approach to the criticism of the film, I mildly pointed out that "The Guinea Pig" had not been entirely devoid of females. There had, for instance, been little Sheila Sim, as an officer in the Wrens, and a couple of other girls still well on the sunny side of the autumnal thirties.

I regret to report that this reminder was received with a gesture of contempt. "Do you mean to say you are going to compare any of them with the girls we saw in the American film—Paulette Goddard, Dorothy Lamour, and that one who played the trumpet in her bathing suit?" they asked in derision.

"Don't you see the point?" they said. "Even in the most ordinary American film there's always a woman you will notice. But who ever remembers the females in British pictures?"

Now I think my friends have something. I have seen about 60 British pictures this year. Save for little Jean Simmons, I honestly can't conjure up a vision of a single girl who played in them.

British studios teem with charming and talented women, some of whom can even act. But I think they carry too far the British habit of understatement, both in looks and personality. I come away from their films with a feeling they are filled with staidness and cold tea rather than good, rich blood.

Until British films pick up a few women with the looks of Ava Gardner, the bounce of Paulette Goddard, the "bite" of Vivienne Romance and Micheline Presle—the best productions will still have something lacking.

The trouble with too many of our actresses, and with the men who direct them, is that they think there is something slightly indecent in being too female. If they don't want to learn from the Americans, they should take lessons from the French. Even in their most

artistic production there is always a round form in the foreground, exuding sex. 'Vive la France,' I say.

## Wins giggles

"ON OUR MERRY WAY" is a mad film about a clerk in the want-ad department (Burgess Meredith) who poses as a roving reporter and goes out to ask people what effect a baby has had on their lives.

The "baby" that dance-band musicians James Stewart and Henry Fonda remember is a grown-up girl with a shape. She not only looked well but could play better than they could; and in an hilariously uproarious sequence they describe how she lost them their jobs and took their band away from them. Dorothy Lamour remembers the petulant child-star who was nasty to her, and then to win her forgiveness persuaded her to wear a sarong for the first time. This gives Miss Lamour an opportunity of doing a beautiful satire, in song, of the parts she has to play with Messrs. Bing Crosby and Bob Hope.

It is a crazy picture, with not an atom of sense to a real of it. But you will giggle through most of it and laugh lots of the time. You will also see Miss Lamour, Miss Goddard, and the girl with the shape being Women.

## Full of humour

"THE GUINEA PIG" is a clinical study of what goes on in an English public school.

Richard Attenborough is the son of a poor tobaccoist in Pimlico who is sent on a scholarship to a great public school, to see whether boys from two different worlds can mix.

He has a bad time of it at first. He resents being ragged, resents having to "fag" for the prefects, resents having to bend over and be kicked. (In describing this ordeal to a master, he uses a word that has never before been passed by a film censor.) But naturally—it being one of those stories—everything comes out right in the end, and Dickie gets his Ruggar cap, his prefect's blazer, and a scholarship to Cambridge.

You will gather from this description that it is a film full of peculiar English snobberies. But once you have accepted them, this is a picture full of humour and not without its moments of pathos.

# NOVELLO PLANS ANOTHER

IVOR NOVELLO, top-earner among British actors, is well advanced on a big new musical play—his seventh—for London. He is content to wait for production until he gets the right theatre and cast.

He can well afford to wait. Novello at 55 is making more money than ever before in his career.

Three of his musical shows—Glamorous Night, The Dancing Years and Perchance to Dream—are now touring the country simultaneously; a record for one author-composer. Novello is starting in the last-named.

Between them the box-office takings total a weekly average of £12,000. Novello's over-all "cut," including his salary as performer, brings him approximately 10 per cent of this—£1200 a week. Only Hollywood's biggest top-liners come in this income bracket.

Glamorous Night is being presented under the management of Ralph Reader and William Sutton; in the Drury Lane run 13 years ago they were dance producer and theatre call-boy respectively. Their savings are invested in the present venture; first three months' takings have reached £40,000.

## MAUGHAM FILMED

HOW unpredictable the cinema is. If "Bonnie Prince Charlie" seemed, in advance, a film certainty, "Quartet" had the dice loaded against it.

Four quite separate Somerset Maugham stories, Prologue and tailpiece by the author, photographed sitting at a desk. The whole structure would surely be literary, a deadweight against illusion, which is the screen's business.

But no. Mr. Maugham makes us laugh right at the start, the ideal comports for his own entertainment. The stories are not equally good, but the first and the last ("The Facts of Life" and "The Colonel's Lady") are first-class, crisply told, convincingly acted, and the taste they leave in the mouth is of a well-chosen meal, with the good wine of a wise wit for fuller satisfaction.

In other words for once the true flavour of Maugham comes through to the screen. And that despite two endings which censorship (or fear of it) has damaged, though not destroyed.

Jack Watling and Mal Zetterling distinguish themselves in the first episode, Cecil Parker, Norma Swain, and Linda Travers in the last. In the middle two, "The Alien Corn" and "The Kite," there are attractive performances by Frances Ross and George Cole, and fun from Hermione Baddeley, though she gives a rogue touch to what should be lifelike.

David Niven, likeable as he is, never makes Charles a real, far less

—STEPHEN WATTS.



New Year greetings to Hongkong Telegraph readers—from the Hollywood star Yvonne De Carlo.

# What have they done to poor Charlie?

WHAT went wrong with "Bonnie Prince Charlie"? How could anybody make a dull film of that rich, romantic story, with all its colour and emotion?

Yet that is what has happened.

People of taste, intelligence, and proven skill—Alexander Korda, Anthony Kimmins, Clemence Dane, David Niven—spent time, energy, thought, and a reputed £1,000,000, and "Bonnie Prince Charlie" is two and a quarter hours' worth of erratic and uncharacteristic, devoid of pattern or climax, to mention across the screen. Worse, he has permitted scenes of studio-made unreality of the sort for which we jeer at Hollywood.

I suppose Korda, as the boss of the enterprise, must bear the blame. Perhaps he thought the story was so obviously cinematic that it was foolproof.

Most uncharacteristically, he has allowed a shapeless script, devoid of pattern or climax, to moulder across the screen. Worse, he has permitted scenes of studio-made unreality of the sort for which we jeer at Hollywood.

## IN FANCY DRESS

IT is not that grave damage is done to history. Nor are the beauties of Scotland entirely absent. There are some lovely shots, which merely show up the others.

It is just that conviction is never achieved. Thus the big episodes—the gathering of the clans, the Edinburgh ball, Prestonpans—the turning-point at Derby, the carnage of Culloden—failed to make me feel I was watching anything but actors in fancy dress.

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## American Angle:

## Shopping Made Painless

By EVELYN WEBBER

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. WHILE Christmas shoppers throng Fifth Avenue, one expensive New York store introduces a club offering "Painless Shopping for Tired Business Executives." A private entrance is provided. Women are barred.

A beautiful blonde greets customers. A barman offers sherry, Scotch, or coffee. Another blonde escorts the customer through carpeted aisles. Mannequins parade in strapless gowns and furs. "If they like it, they just buy it," sighed one salesgirl as she added up her commission. "Gee, I wish it was Christmas all the time!"

## HAND-WARMERS

These selling-lines are making news: Star of Bethlehem flowers from South Africa. They travelled waxed and in the bud and last for six weeks when put in a vase; "Plasticized" water-proof leaver - dyed for coats, \$2.49 to \$4.24 each; Initialed umbrella, with pockets for overcoats, \$1.10.

Gold folding-chairs for the cafes; and Hand - warmers. These are metal cases like cigarette lighters, filled with lighter fluid. The warmth lasts up to 30 hours. Price, 17s. 6d.

From Canada comes a revolutionary ironing gadget—an electrically heated unit sealed in aluminum sheets. You slip it between the ironing-board and pad and the iron gives top heat. Manufacturers claim it saves one ironing hour in every three.

## TOO BUSY TO WED

With only 17 more days to the end of Leap Year, there are still 7,000,000 bachelors in the United States. Some of them are very famous and eligible.

Speaker Joe Martin, of the House of Representatives, is 64 and a Republican, but he says he would "marry a Democrat if she were the right woman." Why hasn't he married before? "Too busy," he says. G-man Edgar Hoover, 63-year-old director of the FBI, says he is "one of the most vigorous boosters of the family in the country." But he stays single. Morris Evans says that "very early in the game a red-headed lady married a friend of mine. After that the theatre became the most absorbing mistress of all."

Robert Merrill, 30-year-old American opera star, sang at 200 weddings—three of them for the same bridegroom. But he lost a Supreme Court Justice, Frank Murphy, 14 times a best man, is still single. So is James Stewart, of Hollywood.

Bachelors here have 42 percent higher mortality rate than married men. They have twice as many fatal accidents and are more than three times as susceptible to madness. Their murder, suicide and alcoholism rates are higher.

Just the same, they maintain high standards. Collectively, the American career men want a wife who will be blonde, understanding, quiet, companionable, patient, practical, old-fashioned, full of personality, musical, utterly feminine, unjealous, unobtrusive, and (to quote Mr Hoover) "able to stay on the pedestal on which she would be put."

## EMBARRASSED

Mary Lee Fairbanks, wife of Douglas Fairbanks, Junior, has been in England. She wrote to a friend from England: "I dislike the clothes I bought here; American designers are better, and their clothes more wearable."

Mrs. Fairbanks cannot have read recent remarks of American fashion writers about American fashions. "High Fashion Hits New Low," writes one expert. "The formula seems to be all the skirt you can get, plus a necklace of dazzling proportions to make up for your lack of a bodice."

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## £100 A LECTURE

Kay Summeraby, General Eisenhower's British wartime assistant, is making a fortune here out of her book, "Eisenhower Was My Boss."

"I'm booked for lectures at about £100 a time until next spring. Fifty-two newspapers have bought the book rights," she told me.

Kay has moved into a flat on Manhattan's fashionable East side, with Telex, the dog General Eisenhower gave her. Proposals of marriage come in every day by mail and telephone.

## Tito exhibits his white nightingale

IN a middle-class suburban villa in Belgrade lives a plump, lonely man with his own private museum, his aviary, his horses, and his pet turtles.

The man is Marshal Joseph Broz Tito, ruler of Yugoslavia, and this picture of a dictator at home was given to me recently by Sir Harold Gillies, the plastic surgeon, who met Tito during a recent lecture tour of Yugoslavia.

Tito's villa is a moderate-sized establishment standing in wooded grounds.

**WOMAN WHO WATCHED** When Sir Harold called he was accompanied by General Mestrovic and the Minister of Health, plus an interpreter, Jerica Jancic.

"She was more than an interpreter, she was a bodyguard," said Sir Harold. She never let me out of her sight, even when I went fishing.

The visitors were led into a long, narrow room. Tito greeted them, and sat on one side of a large table, with the visitors opposite. A butler served cocktails.

Tito had no members of his suite with him, although, says Sir Harold, "it had the feeling that there were armed guards about, and once a uniformed man appeared quietly from behind some trees."

Conversation was difficult at first. Sir Harold presented Tito with one of his books, containing a dedication for his work in furthering plastic surgery in Yugoslavia.

**OPENED UP** Later Tito opened up, and took Sir Harold out into the garden, where they were photographed together. Then he showed his possessions.

They included two magnificent statues, one in the form of an illuminated fountain. In the aviary, Tito displayed his favorite rarer—a white nightingale.

"Whether it really is a nightingale I do not know," says Sir Harold. "Certainly the garden was full of orthodox nightingales singing beautifully."

Next he was shown Tito's private museum, built in a beautiful copse of trees. Here are tributes to the dictator from every part of Yugoslavia—jewels, silver work, silks, and woven materials.

But the star exhibit is a tailored army uniform. Tito was wearing it when it was blown off by a bomb.

The Germans announced they had captured Tito, but all they had was the uniform.

Then to the turtle pool. The turtles were sunning themselves, but when the visitors approached they plunged into the pool to hide. But they could still be seen, and Tito was amused because however much the turtles tried to hide they were still visible in the water.

Tito paraded his horses, four magnificent animals. One was his charger throughout the war. It was wounded twice while carrying him. Finally, Tito took Sir Harold to his library, of which he is extremely proud.

There were no ripe oranges, but two lemons, which Tito plucked and gave to his guest.

**ORDER OF LEMON** Sir Harold asked him to autograph one and Tito did so with a fountain pen.

"So I received the Order of the Lemon, first class," cracks Sir Harold.

Sir Harold toured devastated villages of Bosnia, where nearly all the women are still wearing black for mourning, and few men are seen.

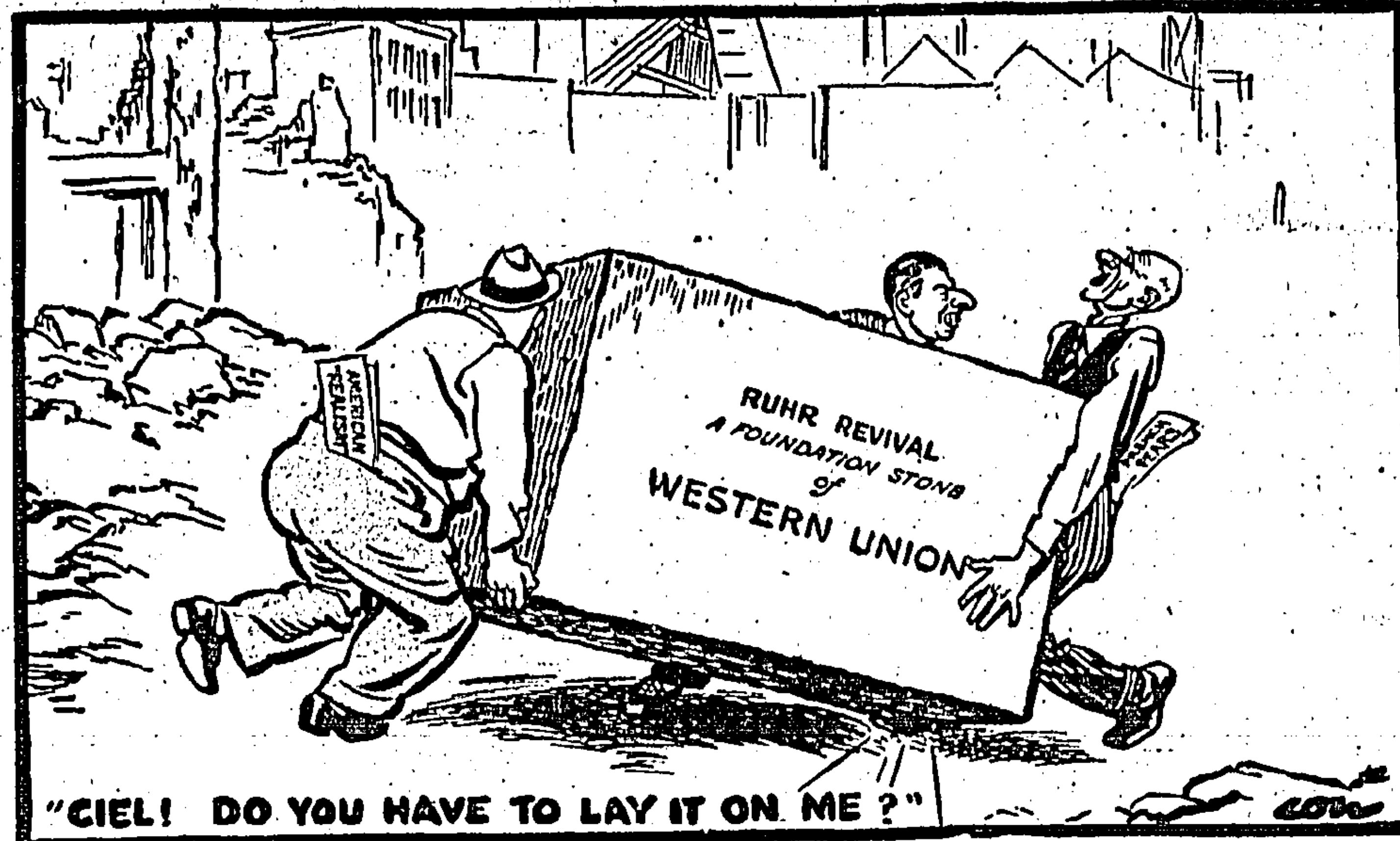
There the war almost wiped out the male population. Entry to Yugoslavia by train was marked by a change in train conductors.

The man who had seen the party across Europe was replaced by a Yugoslav of somewhat ruffianly appearance who got drunk at intervals.

Civilian hanger-on revolutionaries woke them up frequently in the night to examine their papers.

And when Sir Harold arrived in Belgrade he was given a car, but he was introduced to an army surgeon, Colonel Simovic.

"They treated me very well," said Sir Harold, "but they watched me very closely."—E.B.



CONCLUDING A SIX-PART SERIES WHICH STARTED IN THE TELEGRAPH LAST FRIDAY

## THE REAL STALIN

By EMIL LUDWIG

IN the fall of 1929 several hundreds of men and women met in one of the great rooms of an ancient Moscow castle.

Where once Grand-Dukes and Counts in their brilliant dress uniforms had caroused and danced with their elegant ladies, now these men and women in their simple attire listened to a discussion on the electrification of Soviet Russia.

On the platform, one of the foremost experts of the country stood in front of a gigantic map, and pointed out where the electricity plants, dams and factories should be established.

Already in 1920 Lenin had summoned nearly a thousand experts from the four corners of the country, and outlining to them what he had in mind, made the statement:

"Communism is Russia plus electrification."

During the ten months of their research, every citizen—whether peasant, worker or engineer—had the duty to give whatever information was needed.

When the research work was completed, Stalin, writing one of his typical letters to Lenin, agreed to the project, and, referring to some other industrial scheme of Trotsky's, added maliciously:

"Trotsky is a medieval artisan. He thinks of himself as the hero in some Ibsen drama who feels the urge to save Russia through a kind of legend."

## CONGRESS CHAIRMAN

BUT Lenin now was lying in his glass coffin, and Trotsky was exiled on a Turkish island in the Sea of Marmora.

It was Stalin who was the chairman of this congress.

When, one after another, little electric bulbs flashed up on the great map as symbols of the future industrial works, until the whole map seemed to be ablaze, the speaker ended his report.

"This is what we are fighting for," he said, lowering his voice.

Stalin told me explicitly that it was not he who was responsible for that plan. But in the end he was its heir. Within four years the majority of the electrification projects had become a reality.

It must have been a great satisfaction for the somber and taciturn man, when travelling across Russia, to see the blazing lights whose diminutive symbols he had watched flare up in that Moscow castle.

THE technical organisation of Russia in the years from 1930 to 1940 was probably Stalin's chief contribution to his country. It will probably still be there when everything else, including death sentences and executions, has fallen into oblivion.

It should, of course, not be overlooked that this work was, as it were, carried by the spirit of the epoch.

All countries, even the best organised, improved their technical organisation in those years.

Yet Stalin's was a pioneer work; his had been a sleeping country too unused to the idea of progress to have been tapped under the czar.

At a time when the industry of the west relied on electricity everywhere, czarist Russia, constituting a sixth of the world, used only two per cent of the electric power of the world.

The amount used today by the one Soviet plant of Magnitogorsk is far greater!

Out of the twenty-four basic raw materials needed in wartime, America is lacking nine. Great Britain all of them save three.

Soviet Russia, except for antimony, tin and tungsten, has all basic raw materials. Her technology has begun to make use of these natural resources.

In former times men were exploited by nature; now man exploits nature. If that passion for technical achievements has largely been destroyed, man's soul, it is our century that in large measure must be blamed for it.

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How he would have felt about Stalin's recent moves I do not claim to know.

Once I asked one of the most well-known Soviet leaders how the Russian communists were likely to feel about Stalin after his death.

"We'll build for him a mausoleum greater than Lenin's," he said.

As no historical figure can be judged in its entirety prior to death, so Stalin's place in history up to the present is also inconclusive. Only this fact is certain: that unlike some of his predecessors, his greatest danger comes not through defeat but rather through victory.

If Napoleon in 1810 or Stalin in 1945 had been murdered, history would rate them the equals of Caesar. A man who, at the height of his success, is killed by the hand of an assassin, usually becomes a national hero.

Only someone who has met all three of them can see the deeper elements of their personal relations.

The two men from the west belonged to the Christian world, and were born into wealth—while the cobbler's son from D'Als has all his life been fighting both Christianity and wealth.

Churchill, Marlborough's direct descendant, and a proud member of England's oldest aristocracy, may well have regarded Roosevelt, much as he loved him, merely as the son of a Dutch merchant family and something like an upstart whose ancestry was socially closer to that of Stalin than to his own.

SELF-TAUGHT CHURCHILL is a man of enormous erudition; Stalin, a self-taught man, accumulated much more knowledge than Roosevelt did.

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## HIS ONE AIM IN LIFE

By MAX BOYD

FOR the last eight years an American doctor, Claude H. Barlow, has had one aim in life—to kill snails.

The reason is that some of them harbour a tiny larva which is more destructive, up to now, than the atomic bomb.

Dr Barlow says the disease caused by this larva is probably the most widespread and destructive human ailment known to man. Since earliest history it has afflicted hundreds of millions of men and women working in the streams and flooded fields of the Middle and Far East. Half of Egypt's 19,000,000 people suffer from it today, and the loss of productive power in all affected countries is beyond calculation.

The disease is known as Bilharziasis (pronounced bill-har-zee-a-sis) after Theodor Bilharz, a German who discovered its cause.

Dr Barlow first became interested in it as a medical missionary in China. After 20 years of fighting disease among the Chinese, he gave up clinical medicine, and enrolled in a course of parasitology at Johns Hopkins University, in the U.S.

Going to Egypt in 1920, with the Rockefeller Foundation, Dr Barlow spent the next ten years studying snails.

In 1940 the Egyptian Government asked him to set up the first public health department in the world devoted solely to the destruction of bilharzia snails. It is this section that he now operates.

EARLY this year President Truman gave Dr Barlow the Certificate of Merit in recognition of one of the most heroic and unselfish acts in the history of medicine. During World War II, a number of American soldiers suffering from bilharziasis were invalided to the United States from the Middle and Far East. The question arose as to whether there were snails in the United States that would carry the disease from one human being to another. In order to find out, it was necessary to have eggs of the bilharzia worm from a human patient.

For this purpose Dr Barlow exposed himself thoroughly to bilharzia larvae, which melt their way through unbroken human skin and attack the liver and other organs. He was flown to the United States and remained in the United States until months after his infection had reached dangerous and excruciating proportions. Finally he underwent treatment, which he says is so prolonged and disgusting that most victims will not take the required number of injections.

Two years after he had been cured he had to undergo an operation that was due to damage done by the disease. Now, at the age of 72, he has recovered much of his vitality.

How much will his life be shortened by having been a human guinea pig?

"I don't know," he tells you. "Even just living every day will kill you eventually."

THE disease with which Dr Barlow infected himself causes intense suffering, prolonged weakness and sometimes death.

The doctor's hopes to control it are pinned on a peculiarity of the larval worm which causes the malady. This larval worm cannot go from one human being to another without living for a time in a certain kind of snail.

"We can't depend upon man at all to stop the disease or to control it," Barlow says. "But we can kill the snails, we can control them, and it doesn't make any difference where you break the life cycle of the worm, so long as you break it."

Some 10,000 men under his direction try to do this by clearing irrigation ditches of weeds, which would absorb and waste chemicals, and then putting enough copper sulphate into the water to kill the snails.

High-boiling-point naphthalenes are considered an even better poison. They kill weeds as well as snails, without damaging rice crops, and they probably will be brought into use soon.—Associated Press.

## TRANSFORMATION

STALIN'S escapades of brutal force in Eastern Europe show that this Tartar who, as a youth, enviously looked up to the Russians, has become more and more Russian.

But that classic model of modern democracy which Masaryk had built up in Czechoslovakia and which Stalin has tried to destroy among others before our very eyes cannot permanently be destroyed.

Radical ideas like overextended rubber bands must eventually contract. Danton's and Mirabeau's demands for human rights were the inspiration for Jefferson's ideas and, similarly, the staggering megalomania of Russia of today will transform itself eventually into a state which has abolished tsars and dictators, alike as, in past times, France did away with her kings.

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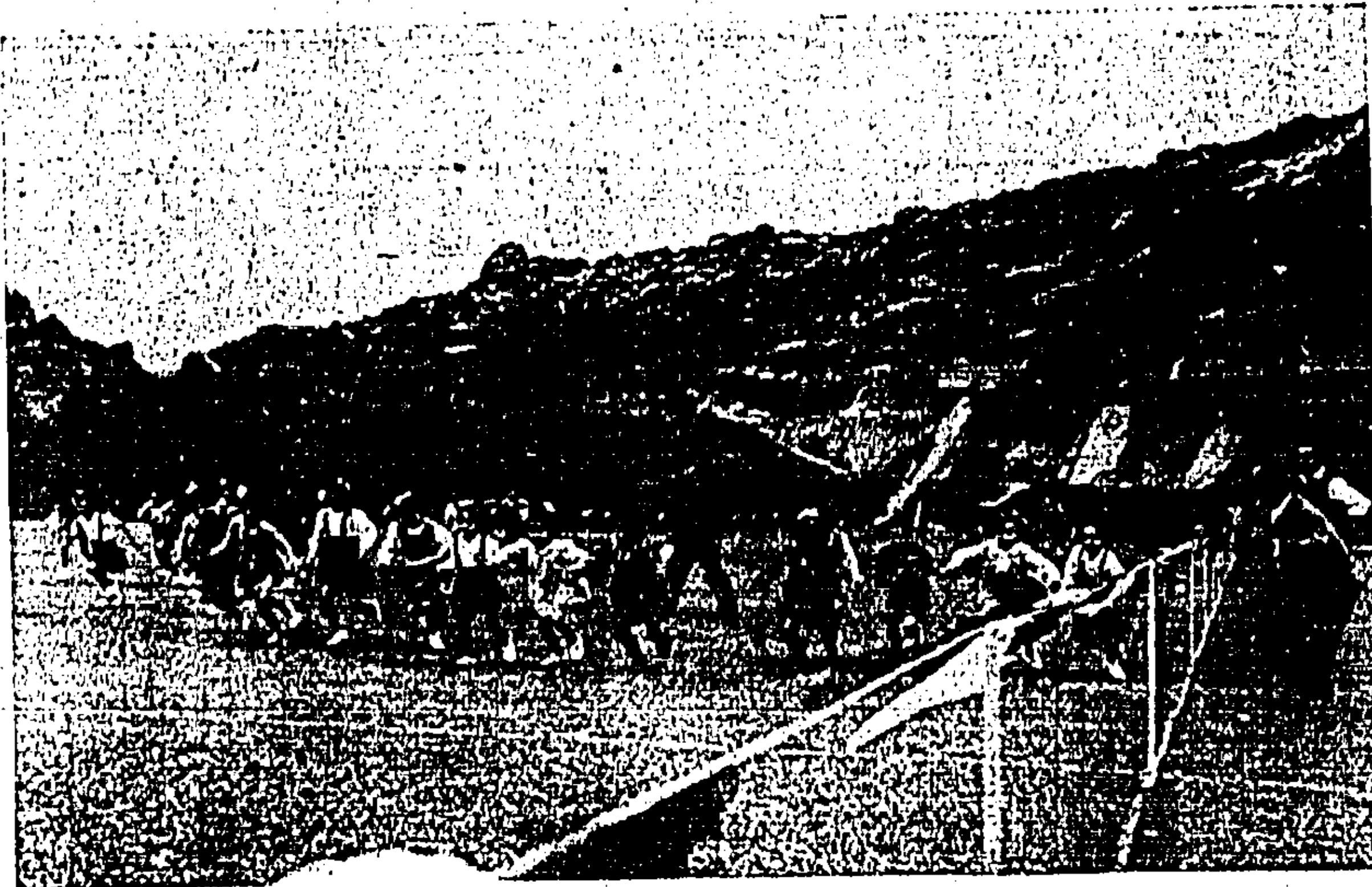


"Letter here from a lady in Cheltenham—says in view of the fact that we're spending \$25,000,000 of her taxes can we let her have a few nuts for her cake?"





DR George Choa Wing-sien, medical officer of the Queen Mary Hospital, and Miss Maisie Nora Kotowall, daughter of Sir Robert and the late Lady Kotowall, were married at St Joseph's Church on Monday, the Rt Rev. Bishop Henry Valtorta officiating. Dr and Mrs Choa are seen above following the church ceremony, and, at right, at the reception at the Hongkong Hotel. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



ONE of the many races being run off at the children's sports organised by the Club de Recreio on Boxing Day. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Hans Ernest Waany and his bride, formerly Miss Ada Mary Beatrice Morton. They were married at St John's Cathedral on Monday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PICTURE below shows members of the staff of the South China Morning Post, Ltd. who attended the second Christmas tiffin at the Staff Canteen last Friday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR George Allan Rodney Wright-Nooth, Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Miss Frances Mary Gregory, of the Women's Volunteer Services, leaving St John's Cathedral after their wedding last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



TWO scenes at the Christmas party given by the Wah Yan College Boys' Club, whose members are mainly boys earning their living as shoeblocks. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Mr Donald Fraser leading carollers in the grounds of Government House last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE officers of the ss Hanyang were hosts at a party given on board the ship on Boxing Day. Pictures above were taken on the occasion. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



A HAPPY group of Wolf Cubs pose for a picture after a Christmas party at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

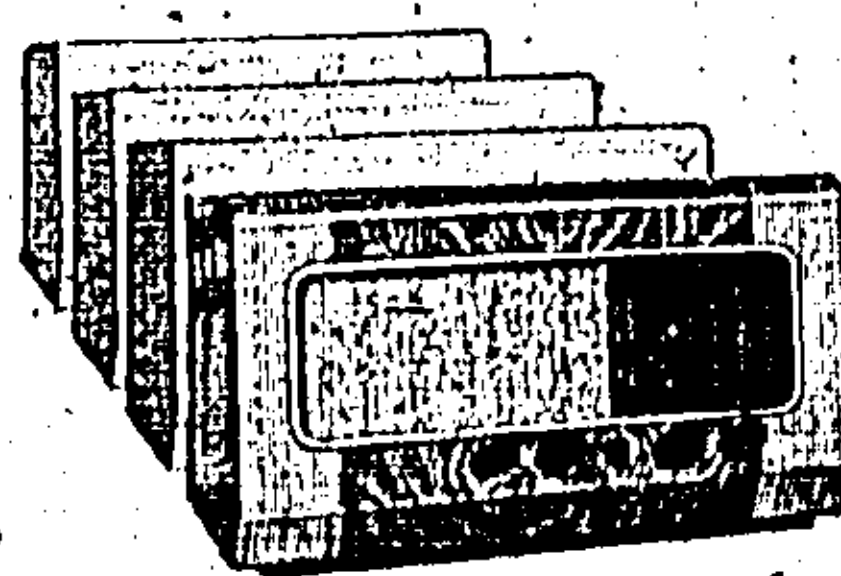


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A detailed black and white illustration of a vintage car repair shop. In the foreground, several classic cars from the 1920s and 1930s are parked, including a large sedan and a smaller car. In the background, a multi-story building with a sign that reads 'GILMANS' is visible. The scene is set in a city environment with other buildings and a street in the background.

**By JOAN ERSKINE**

## PIRATES' BREECHES

## What is causing women to droop?

*25% more ailments than men*

## YEARS OF STRAIN

## NOT ENOUGH IRON

The last health survey showed seven in every ten housewives "complaining"—that is, when asked if they were well or ill, said that they "weren't well."



Women suffer 25 percent more minor ailments than men, but even

## MISTY CHECKS

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by SUSAN DEACON

Try Trying Them On



Evening blouse girl

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN

Another test commonly used is known as the bromsulfalein test. The bromsulfalein, a dye, is injected into a vein and the amount retained in the body determined at the end of 40 minutes. The bromsulfalein test is not used when jaundice is present.

## Needle Biopsy

Persons having symptoms of liver disorder should consult their physician promptly, so that the necessary tests may be carried out to determine what disorder is present. In middle-aged and older persons such tests should be made once or twice a year, even if no symptoms are present.

**NICE TOUCH  
IN FANCY  
BUTTONS**

**By ELEANOR ROSS**

## Flashing Cubes

if you have abundant hair, cross the shoulder and catch in place with a giant jewel button, rhinestone or opal, cluster set on gold wire loop. Cement another to pin and use it to ornament handbag or the top of a glove. Highlight the hair with a barrette match your frock in colour or fabric. Six-inch wide ribbon and two large rhinestone studded buttons in diamond chip style do the trick.

Two dresses described by Joan Erskine. Left: a pale blue linen strapless sun dress with matching bolero. Above: Petrol blue, two-piece with narrow double stripe of navy. Both are by Brenner Sports.

A black and white fashion illustration of a woman in profile, facing left. She is wearing a dark, textured sweater with wide, flat sleeves that extend horizontally from her shoulders, resembling bat wings. She is also wearing a pearl necklace and a long, flowing skirt. The signature 'Elizabeth' is written in cursive at the bottom right of the illustration. Below the illustration, the text reads: 'The "bat-wing" sleeved sweater - "bat" - "winging"'.

It really can be worn through the day, and is as frequently worn with pearls beneath a suit as it is at parties, together with a handkerchief and pretty skirt.

For evenings these plain sweaters are often sprinkled with small pearls or sequins, or worn with chunkiest jewellery.

Although wool is everything for our winter lives, there are many women who prefer to wear a blouse and extra warmth beneath it.

Blouses this season have been prettier. Jabots are ba wide and flat, and fastened wi pearl tie-pin, or frilly, lacy, very feminine.

Lace frills are worn at the v  
and fine lace round a high Ch  
collar on a plain blouse front.

But frills and lace edging lose  
their charm if they are not  
and frost white.

One hears much about the "off-black" shades from Paris, off-white is merely grubby.

### Plain Neckline

The over-blouse, which can be worn without a jacket, is new.

season, and it is always a good  
to keep the neckline plain, usi  
background for co

A constant favourite of the girl is the shirt waist or tail

Lingerie blouses, with velvet slotted through lace trims, are popular, but the lace must be very narrow, and the velvet not repeated at frequent intervals on the yoke, sleeves, and neck.

## Only For Evening

The big news story in this season is the off-the-shoulder, goose-girl neckline, but only evening wear, and, I'm afraid

It has a youthful sophisticated  
the perfect companion for the  
ballerina-length skirts.



## BEAUTY • FASHIONS • HOME

## What all Mothers know

by EVE PERRICK

Without the help of the scientists, the morale-boosters, and all the other experts, I claim this is an account of what having a baby means—really means—in the social sense.

AS soon as the news is out, try to avoid any woman in your circle who is over 46 and who has ever had a baby.

In that category come the garrulous grandmothers who persist in giving out a round-by-round account of the arrival of their first-born. (More often than not he is your husband.)

Among the little things sent to try you are the "beautiful thoughts" brigade.

They may appear in the guise of doctor, nurse, hospital matron, family friend—or. But they all women's magazines. But they all chorus: "This is the happiest time of your life—you should be just bubbling over with joy."

You—will have probably just lived through a day of minor internal disagreements, will know better.

The first awakening to your new status will be sharp and cruel.

## WATCHING

LIKE all others, you will have been rearing yourself that only your closest friends would ever guess. Then, one bright morning, the well-meaning, but tactless, bus driver will wait just that moment longer when he sees you panting towards the bus stop.

His running-mate at the other end will say "Fares please, miss"—then on second thoughts make it "madam."

Apart from vegetarians, other kinds of nature-lovers, and the "life-is-real-life-is-earnest" group, I deny any woman's having really enjoyed the probationary period to baby-having.

The man who softly confesses he is so sad that he cannot enjoy "that ultimate experience of life" really doesn't mean a word of it.

But even if you are having one of those perfect, trouble-free pregnancies, there is no need to broadcast it (especially to your husband) and make it bad for others.

In these days, unfortunately, that old racket of "fancying" things is almost denied us—but there is no reason why the father-to-be should get out of all the chores.

Demand something obtainable—say, a corned beef and tomato sandwich—at some inconvenient time!

## WAITING

THEN there is the social side. Night clubs are out—but the tea-light, with you as the centre of some lurid conversation, is in.

You make a horde of new friends among the similarly placed.

You will probably spend a lot of time studying mothercraft manuals. These are usually pompous publications, packed with photographs of beautiful, plump, curly-haired babes taking cold baths and lying naked amid snowy scenery. You can count on it that your infant will not look a bit like the picture-book pretties.

In the same books you will learn that a happy, healthy, cared-for child does not cry. A little later on you can, perhaps, argue that point with a warmly clad, well-fed, unspotted but nevertheless bawling junior, who unfortunately cannot read.

Or you might take the matter up with the woman in the flat downstairs, who may or may not see your point in picking up a yelling baby spoils him.

## WONDERING

WHILE, contrary to the book of rules, you do a little floor-walking, you can ponder on the Freudian problem: Why should a baby who was the darling of the nursing-home, or hospital staff—during that blissful fortnight you were cared for and caressed—why should he change his entire character in his own home?

But for all this there are always compensations. And a mother doesn't have to discover them from books.

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Drawn by ROBB

## WHAT TODAY'S WELL-DRESSED TWO-MONTH-OLD IS WEARING—WHEN MONEY IS NO OBJECT

TOTAL COST of a Two-month trousseau on this royal scale is in the region of £130.

Robb's drawing shows a sample selection. (According to the specialist shop in London where these clothes are sold, the decision on what and how many rests with the nurse—parents merely pay the bill.)

1.—BABY bag in blanket wool bordered with satin. Detachable hood. No coupons... £2 10s. 6d.

2.—DAY and night gown in fine woollen, smocked round neck and bodice. Four at 98s. 6d.... £10 14s.

3.—TEA-PARTY dress in embroidered organdy. Two at 10½ guineas... £22 1s.

4.—CHRISTENING robe in real lace with long slip... 25 guineas. Bonnet to match... 3 guineas.

5.—LONG carrying gown in fine wool. Two at 25s. 10d.... 47s. 8d.

6.—KNITTED vests, first size. Six at 15s. 6d.... £5 12s. 6d.

7.—MATINEE jackets in knitted wool. Six at 18s. 6d.... £5 12s. 6d.

8.—LACE jacket for christening. 5 guineas.

## THE LABELS CAN TELL YOU A LOT

By ANNE EDWARDS

LET'S start with woollens.

Wool has more imitators than any other cloth. To be sure what you are getting, look for a label or stamp. Anything stamped "Wool" or "All Wool" will be pure wool. But the word "Woolen" can legally refer to a method of spinning and not to the textile content.

A garment marked woollen may contain only 15 percent wool. Loose designations by the Board of Trade have also allowed garments only half wool to be described as wool cloths.

EXAMPLE: Utility raincoat 22s. marked as wool gabardine, contains 40 percent cotton.

You can tell a good wool cloth by evenness of yarn, closeness of weave (hold it up to the light). If it's fine rub your thumb nail over the nap; poor material will come up in little knobs.

You are now entitled to demand pre-shrunk or shrink-resistant woollens. If you have a wool cutting to take home, test it by drawing a thread and lighting it. Pure wool burns slowly into a black knob and smells like a smelly. Other fabrics flare quickly.

## STOCKINGS



FULLY FASHIONED—They should look like this

LEARN to tell when a stocking is really fully fashioned. Two vertical lines of seaming are not enough. It should have the knitting slanted towards the centre back seam at the calf, then vertical stitching each side of the seam. See diagram.

Beware of mock backs—they have two lines, but no change of knitting.

## CLOTHES

ON ready-made garments look for the finish, adequate turnings and hems, neatly edged seams, firm buttons, zips, and fastenings. Examine the quality of details like belts and buckles, pockets, and braid. Distrust low-priced frocks sold complete with too much trimming, sequins, fobs, or brooches; they may have been added to sell pre-buyers' market stock. If there is no name tag ask the saleswoman; she can tell the maker from a code mark on the price ticket.

Think twice if you're asked to pay more than the ceiling price £22 for

coat or suit. £6 12s. for skirt, £17 6s. for frock. Some shops step up the price by adding "special" buttons and trimmings.

## CARPETS

DON'T be tempted by "bargains" hawked by door-to-door callers. Buy carpets with a name tag on the back and sold by a reputable retailer. Remember that a coloured or black thread down the back means the carpet is price controlled.

The most you should pay per square yard for an English carpet is 60s. 2d.; Indian made, 60s. 6d.; Belgian, 60s. or the equivalent.

## GLOVES

GOOD quality gloves—whatever the price—have gussets between the fingers. When buying a low-priced glove, look at the strength of the leather round the thumb base.

Top price for utility—fur-backed gloves is 42s. 3d.

## BAD BUYS

Beware of these: Flannelette sheets sold off coupons because they are made of cotton waste. The "pure silk" dressing gowns and pyjamas which are made from silk waste—you can tell them by a cottony look and crunchiness feel.

## FOOD

CHEESE: Gorgonzola must be creamy in colour and consistency. Don't buy the chalk white kind of cheese with cracks on the edge. Test the heart of Camembert with your thumb; it is right for eating if the centre is soft.

BREAD: The best-baked loaf tastes best and lasts longest. Look for these pointers—a well-shaped loaf (it's evenly baked), a crisp and "sandy" bottom crust, an even colour without burns or bubbles.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

WHEN you cut waxed paper to fit the bottom of a cake pan, place the pan on the paper and trace around it with a pencil, then cut out. Or trace around it with a small, sharp knife and it will not be necessary to use scissors. Grease the cake pan before putting the paper in it.

If varnished or oiled furniture becomes extremely dirty, or is heavily fingermarked, washing will help. A good homemade furniture cleaner can be made from three tablespoons linseed oil, one tablespoon vinegar and one quart of hot water. Heat the water in the top of a double boiler. Remove it from the stove or any open flame before adding the other ingredients.

A helpful idea is to make a muslin pocket and tack it on the back of your ironing board. Keep two pressing cloths there and use one for dark clothes and one for light ones to avoid soiling freshly washed clothes in ironing.

If you use an electric range, place saucepans, skillets and other utensils on units that most nearly match their size.

The casters of our washing machine need frequent oiling because they often get wet and the metal parts may rust.

Let's Eat  
BY  
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

## Serve Delicious Apples Often

"WHAT a gorgeous display of apples!" remarked the Chef, as we walked into the super-market. He picked out a big red delicious apple. "Enjoy it Madame," he said, "and I will do the same."

"Let's buy some apples to cook," I said. "Those McIntosh, greenings and Northern Spies will be good for baking, apple sauce, frying and pies."

"And we'll need some of those Golden Delicious apples for salads, and to mix with an assortment of eating apples to make a nice fruit bowl for the living-room table," the Chef added.

## Barrel Of Apples

"When I was a girl," I recollected, "father always bought a barrel of autumn apples which were stored in a cool place in the cellar. This carried us up to December. Then he'd get in a barrel of winter apples that would last almost until spring. Apples were our principal fruit. For breakfast we often had sliced apples cooked with the oatmeal or rice. Or sometimes there would be fried apples with sausage, or apple sauce with a gingerbread cake. And a ginger cookie with an apple kept us going after school. Several times a week a bowl of unsifted hot apple sauce was served as a vegetable for dinner. Other days for dessert we had apple pie, apple dumplings, apple Betty, steamed apple pudding, apple cake or apple custard."

"And did you drink the good apple cider like we have in Normandy?" inquired the Chef.

"Yes, we loved it, cold or hot. After skating mother often made us a cider toddy, merely elder heated, sweetened, and stirred with a stick of cinnamon bark. We never seemed to get tired of apples. As I look back now, I realise it was because my mother was clever in preparing them in so many different ways, and in combining them with many interesting spices and flavours. She used cinnamon, clove, nutmeg, and allspice, each giving a different flavour. Sometimes she added a little lemon or orange rind. For a change she'd sweeten apple sauce with brown sugar, or scraped maple sugar. She made it in many different ways. One day she'd peel the apples, slice them thin and boil the sauce rapidly to keep it white. The next she'd peel and slice the apples thick, and bake the sauce in a bean pot for hours in a slow oven. So it was rich and red."

## Stirred In Butter

"Before serving she'd stir in a tablespoon of butter. Apples for baking were sometimes stuffed with mince meat or bananas; and she'd even flavour apple pie with a spray of mint or a leaf from her pet rose geranium growing in the kitchen window sill. As for her apple sauce custard, that was our most elegant company dessert."

"For the apple is indeed the most versatile of our fruits," commented the Chef. "May I suggest a simple way of using the good raw apples for dessert, as is customarily done in France? A brightly polished apple is served on each plate, with a fruit knife and a piece of cheese, preferably the soft cheese. A basket

of bread is passed around the table. Each one slices the apple, spreads it with the cheese, and eats it with the bread. Good for the beauty, the digestion and the budget."

## Dinner

Split Pea Soup  
Corned Beef Hash  
Cauliflower  
Carrots  
Beets  
Old Fashioned Cornbread  
Apple Sauce Custard  
Coffee or Tea  
All Measurements Are Level  
Recipes Serve Four

## Corned Beef Hash Platter

First start to prepare the vegetables, which may include plain potatoes, scraped carrots, cut in quarters and seasoned with brown butter or margarine; sliced cooked beets seasoned with brown butter or margarine and enough lemon juice to taste tart, and sections of cauliflower cooked with plain melted butter or margarine and dusted with fine-minced parsley. When half done, fry 4 slices bacon until crisp, and drain on absorbent paper. Open a (16 oz.) tin of chilled corned beef (a 10 oz.) tin of sliced corned beef hash at both ends. Slide it onto a board, and cut crosswise into ½ inch slices; dip in fine dry crumbs and saute in a little of the bacon fat, adding ½ a fine-minced onion for flavour. Arrange as follows: Put the slices of hash overlapping down the centre of a good-sized platter. Garnish with bacon. Place the cauliflower at each end, with a section of beets and one of interesting colour combination. Serve very hot.

## Old Fashioned Cornbread

This cornbread will be quite soft. To make, combine 2 c. cornmeal, 2 tsp. flour, 1 tsp. salt and 1 scant tsp. baking soda. Stir in 1 tsp. sugar or honey, 1 large well-beaten egg, 2 tsp. melted butter or substitute, and 2 c. sour milk or buttermilk. Beat thoroughly. Pour into a well-oiled biscuit pan, 7" x 11". Bake 30 min. in a moderate oven, 375 F. Serve hot, cut in squares.

## Apple Sauce Custard

For this use 2 c. thick, homemade, unsifted sweetened apple sauce. Spoon into a shallow 4½ x 6 inch baking dish. Next make a custard as follows to pour over the sauce: Beat 2 eggs, add ¼ c. sugar, ¼ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. nutmeg or cinnamon, and 1¼ c. heated milk. Pour over the apple sauce but do not stir it in. Place in a hot oven, 400 F. and bake about 15 min. Then reduce the heat to 350 F. and continue baking about 20 min. longer, or until the custard is golden brown, and a small knife when inserted in the centre comes out clean. The custard should not be allowed to boil. Serve very cold, with or without apple whip, or any whipped topping.

## Trick Of The Chef

To make a nice relish for cold meat from a cup of apple sauce, add the juice of ½ lemon, 2 tsp. sweet pickle relish and ¼ pkgt. prepared lemon gelatin dissolved in ¼ c. boiling water. Stir well; pour into small moulds, chill and unmould.

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## Watch Out for Extra Pounds



You can get a great deal of exercise doing housework, says Screen Star Louise Allbritton, but don't lay in a back-breaking position too long.

By HELEN FOLLETT

THIS is the season of the year when a woman must be mindful of her weight and measurements. If they are normal the lucky lady must keep in perfect form. If the figure has an inclination to expand she must get busy. The feminine shape can change for the worse in no time at all. Pleasing curves can get out of hand.

In the summer time one is likely to have outdoor exercise of one kind or another. Winter comes. In bad weather walking does not appeal. There are more social festivities, when the little cakes are passed. When the food, less exercise, and you know what happens. Take time by the cowlick, lady. If you have a pleasing silhouette don't let over-indulgence in the good things of the

table add poundage and ruin attractive lines.

Do you know that you can get chest and arm exercise when brushing your hair? It is a fact. Stand tall, chest lifted, tummy held in. Throw the head back, brush from the forehead to the nape line. With that backward movement, chest and breasts will lift, the muscles of the upper arms will be called into play. Bend lowered, brush from nape line to crown. Let the brush go down to your knees. Lift the arm with a strong muscles pull. Then do these movements with the left hand.

Most housework is good exercise. But whether you are cleaning, polishing or making beds, assume an easy posture; don't bend over your job too long or your back will tire.

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PICTURE taken at St Teresa's Church on Boxing Day on the occasion of the wedding of Flight Lieutenant Noel Andrew John Griffin and Miss Hazel Adeline Scott. (Moo Cheung)



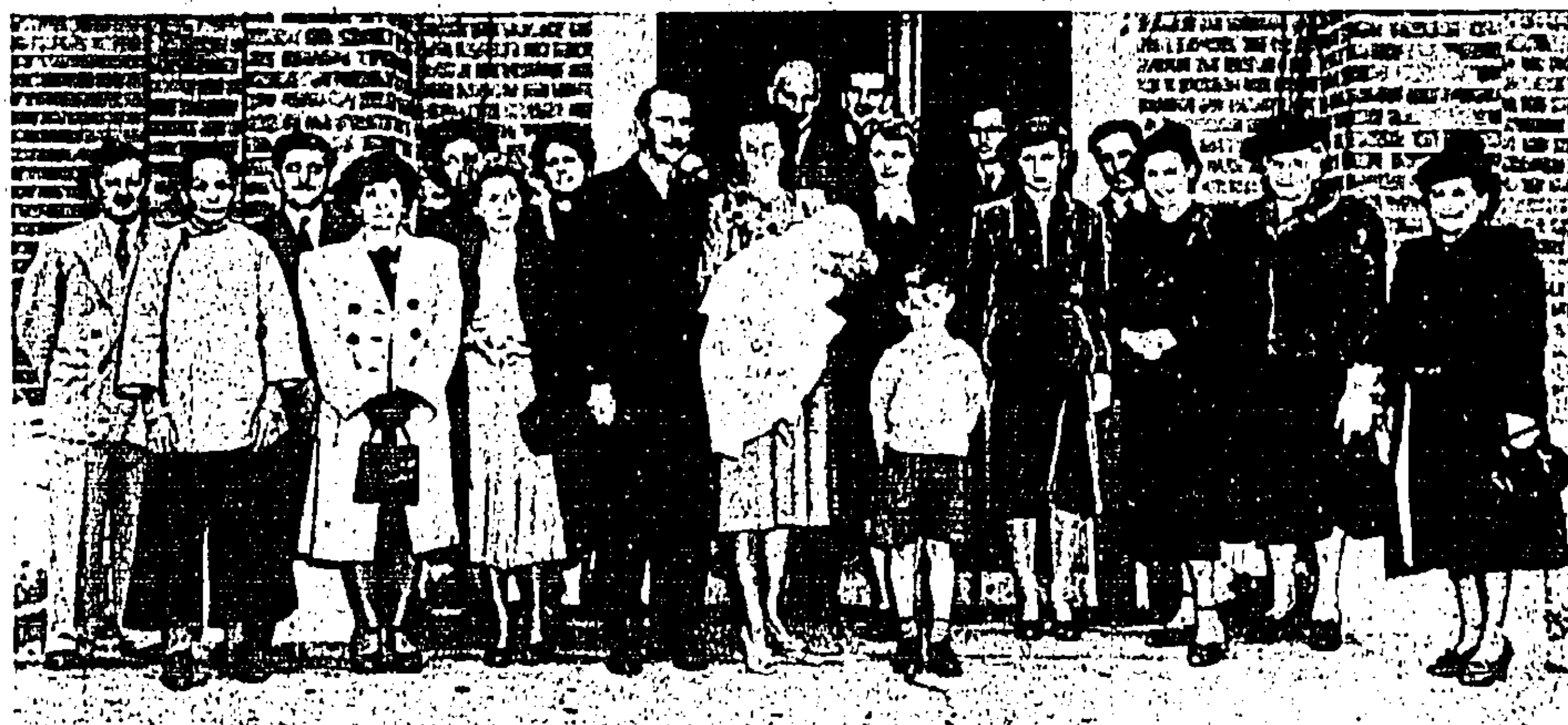
THE two pictures on the right were taken during the Christmas dance for the Forces held at the Union Jack Club. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MRS M. C. Honess distributed the Christmas regatta prizes at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club on Monday. Some of the winners are seen here receiving their trophies. Top to bottom: Mr Van Sydow; Messrs T. O. Morgan, D. Shorriff and P. D. A. Chidell; Mr F. J. Crosbie. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Tsang Tin-wai and Miss Tsoi Shuk-tin, who were married at the Hongkong Hotel on Monday. (Francis Wu)



GROUP photo taken at St Andrew's Church last Saturday after the christening of Paul Nicholas, infant son of Mr and Mrs J. T. Mallorie. (Ming Yuen)



MR Leslie Thomas Reed and Miss Phyllis Ivy Boome, whose wedding took place at St Andrew's Church recently. (Gordon Studio)



A HAPPY group of children who attended the Christmas party given last week by the Little Flower Club. (Moo Cheung)



CAPT Arthur Bridgford and Mrs Nina Goldenborg photographed with their attendants after their marriage at St John's Cathedral on Monday. (Ming Yuen)

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# THE ORDEAL OF MRS BARNEY



And the first sign  
by which you can tell  
that a jury in a murder  
trial will find the prisoner  
'guilty' or 'not guilty'

by  
SIR

*Patrick Hastings*  
K.C.

At twelve o'clock on a night in 1932 a well-known London physician was called from his bed by the telephone. A woman's voice was crying hysterically.

"It is Mrs. Barney. Oh, doctor, come at once. There has been a terrible accident. For God's sake, come at once."

Mrs. Elvira Dolores Barney married young, but the marriage was not a success, and the husband and wife soon separated; although there was no divorce the separation was obviously final and complete. She occupied a maisonette converted from a garage in the Knights-bridge district, where she lived with a young man named Stephens.

He was a good-looking young man and she was said to be very fond of him.

It was to this woman that the doctor was summoned on the telephone. Upon his arrival he found an appalling sight.

Stephens was lying upon the stairs and he was dead.

Mrs. Barney was alternately trying to revive the dead man and crying that it was an accident.

By their side was a revolver which had been recently fired. The doctor rightly insisted upon sending for the police.

## She stuck to her story

No doubt Mrs. Barney was scarcely in a condition of mind to give a very coherent account of what had happened, but fortunately for her the story which she then told was one to which she adhered from beginning to end throughout her subsequent ordeal.

She said that there had been a quarrel, and that he was proposing to leave her, and that she had threatened to commit suicide by shooting herself with a revolver that she kept by the side of the bed; that she had taken the revolver from a drawer and that he had struggled to prevent her carrying out her threat, and that in the struggle the revolver had gone off accidentally, shooting him through the body.

She was taken to the police station for further questioning but there she adhered to her previous story, and as no further information was available she was released.

At that moment Mrs. Barney may perhaps have thought that her troubles were over, but unfortunately for her the investigations by the police brought to light new and startling facts.

People in the adjacent flat had heard the noise of the quarrel, and it was said that more than one shot was fired; moreover, one witness stated that she had heard Mrs. Barney shrieking, "I will shoot you."

And there was worse to follow. Inhabitants of a flat somewhat further down the mews had been the witnesses of an earlier quarrel, and their evidence was distinctly ominous.

## Laugh for the last time

It was alleged that after a violent altercation Stephens was seen to leave the building and walk away; as he did so the upper window was opened by Mrs. Barney who was heard to scream, "Laugh, baby. Laugh for the last time." She then produced a revolver and fired at him from the window.

If both or indeed either of these facts were established the theory of suicide and accident became somewhat difficult; and thus it was not surprising that Mrs. Barney was arrested and charged with murder. I was instructed to defend her.

## When a life is at stake

In many ways the defence in a murder trial differs from that in any other case. In the first place, the life of the prisoner may well hang upon

almost every question asked; injudicious cross-examination is dangerous at all times, and an unexpected answer frequently brings disaster to an advocate's client.

In a civil action the risk may be justifiable, but a capital charge is very different and discretion in a murder trial is of paramount importance.

In the next place, witnesses in such a trial always intend to speak the truth. It is therefore practically impossible to cross-examine any witness for the Crown with a suggestion that they are lying.

Stupid, yes, or perhaps mistaken; even unconsciously exaggerating, but beyond that it is more than dangerous to go.

Beyond that it is almost impossible to place complete reliance upon the accuracy of any explanation which the defendant may be prepared to give.

## They clutch at any straw

Human nature being what it is, it is almost inevitable that a person, feeling him or herself in such an awful position as that of an accused murderer, should clutch at any straw to save themselves, and as a consequence defences are invented which bear no relation to the truth, and which so far from achieving their design very often end in complete disaster.

It is for that reason that I have always made an inflexible rule never to see an accused person in prison; lest I should find myself hampered in the conduct of the defence, either by something the defendant may have said or by something he may have thought his counsel may have wished he would say.

I am afraid Mrs. Barney was disappointed at my refusal to see her at any time before her trial. The great point in her favour was apparent. The story she had told to the doctor and to the police had never varied.

# WHY PICK ON THIS POOR FISH?

I HAVE a friend who lives on the Thames, and every Sunday a horde of fishermen come and sit on the bank by his house. After watching them for eight years he has decided they are mad.

At this time of year they are more numerous than ever. They arrive at nine or ten in the morning, loaded to the ground with gear—great rods 20 feet long, landing nets, rubber boots, camp stools, cushions, mysterious black boxes or huge bulging bags, vacuum flasks, sandwiches, oilskins, and even stoves.

In all the years he's been watching them he's never seen one with a fish. Once he had a theory that the whole thing was a gigantic hoax. They weren't fishermen at all, he thought, but unhappy husbands posing as anglers to escape for the day from their wives.

## WORSHIP

WHEN dusk begins to fall they pack up their mass of equipment and return to London, fishless but with a look of ecstasy on their faces. As if they had undergone a great spiritual and emotional experience. Now I happen to know something about this, and I can tell you they're not crazy at all, these people. They're just roach fishers, that's all.

To those who practise its rites roach fishing is almost a religion. It has survived the taunts and ridicule of the ignorant since the Middle Ages, and it converts have multiplied until now there are more than half a million of them in Britain.

The roach (Rutilus rutilus) which is the object of their worship

The main points against her were equally defined.

The witness who heard her say, "I will shoot you"; the number of shots fired; the previous attempt to kill; somehow or other they all had to be explained away, and moreover explained without making them appear worse than they were already.

The whole scheme of the defence was to bring all the evidence into line with the possibility of an attempted suicide.

## First clash with a witness

The trial took place before Mr. Justice Humphreys, almost if not quite the best criminal judge I have ever known.

When she entered the dock Mrs. Barney herself created a much better impression than I had feared; she was very quiet and dignified, and her appearance and demeanour in her appearance conducted the prosecution with courtesy and restraint, but very properly emphasised the damning features of the case for the Crown.

The first clash came with the woman who had heard the prisoner scream, "I will shoot you." It was useless to suggest that nothing of the sort had ever happened as the witness was obviously truthful, but a very different complexion might be given to her evidence if the actual words were, "I will shoot."

The difference seemed very slight but it was vital, as the latter might be consistent with the prisoner's threat to shoot herself.

When the witness left the box it was fairly clear that she was none too certain as to the actual words the prisoner used. The words the prisoner used. The first difficulty had disappeared.

The question of the number of shots fired was not so easy, particularly as the police had discovered the mark of a second bullet in the bedroom.

But fortunately for the defence the witnesses who alleged that they had heard at least two shots were not wholly satisfactory; they were not confused and it did not seem likely that their evidence could be unreservedly accepted as accurate.

is a small, common, and almost invisible fish that inhabits the ponds, rivers, lakes, and canals of Europe from Spain to Siberia (but not, for some reason, Ireland, or Scotland north of Loch Lomond). When you do catch a roach there is a little you do catch it. It is a little more than 2lb. you can weigh it, and have it put in a glass case. Or you can give it to the cat. Otherwise the only thing is to put it back where you got it and let someone else have a go.

Yet in its way this humble fish gives more pleasure to more Britons than any other variety. It is the poor man's trout. You have to be rich to catch a salmon, fairly rich to catch a trout (in England, anyway), but you can go for a roach at no cost at all.

Those boys you see fishing by the canal: what are they hoping to get? Roach. Those men who leave London, Birmingham, Sheffield, and other centres of the cult on Sunday mornings: ten to one they're after roach, too.

There are quite 70 varieties of British fresh water fish they might angle for, but to the purists, the high priests of the faith, fish are divided into two kinds—roach and the rest.

I know a taxi-driver in this class. On a fine Sunday before the war he used to cram his cab with friends and fishing gear and go down to the Hampshire Avon.

The real tussle between Sir Percival and myself took place over the incident of the earlier shooting from the window.

Mrs. Barney's explanation was that she had once before threatened to commit suicide and that she had fired the revolver not at him but inside her room in order to frighten her lover, and that evidence, if accepted, would go far to explain the bullet mark found on her bedroom wall.

Moreover, we had reason to believe that the young man had referred to the possibility of her committing suicide at the time when the earlier shooting took place, and I applied for leave to put that suggestion to the witness who deposed to the alleged shooting.

Sir Percival stoutly objected to the evidence as inadmissible, but Mr. Justice Humphreys allowed the question, and the witness admitted that the young man had said that he was always afraid Mrs. Barney might commit suicide.

Although that Mrs. Barney had fired at the dead man, undoubtedly we had gone some way to support our theory.

## Many prints on the revolver

And then we had a stroke of luck. A vital piece of evidence might be found in the finger-prints, if any, upon the revolver from which the shot was fired. If hers alone had been found her position might have been desperate; if the dead man's were there as well, she might be saved; if at least there were so many prints as to be indecipherable that again might tend to support the theory of a struggle.

Here the police had not acted with their usual acumen.

The revolver had been examined, but no care had been taken to see that it had not been touched since the alleged crime; indeed, even the police themselves had handled it, and the examination showed many blurred and unidentifiable prints, one being that of a detective in the case.

On the whole the defence had no reason to be dissatisfied. Everything must now depend upon the evidence of Mrs. Barney herself.

## Kept emotions under control

In almost every criminal case the danger point is reached when the defendant goes into the witness-box. The law which permits a prisoner to give evidence on his

own behalf is supposed to confer upon him an inestimable benefit, and indeed it is only just and proper that an innocent person should have the right to proclaim his innocence on oath, but to a guilty person, or indeed to one who has something vital to conceal, the privilege is of more than doubtful benefit, and indeed one which many accused persons would infinitely prefer to be without.

Mrs. Barney entered the witness-box to my intense relief she told her story extremely well. She was much more restrained than I had feared, and though suffering from strain her emotions were under control.

She said she had been unhappy and on more than one occasion had threatened suicide. Her account of the earlier shooting was a simple denial; she said she merely attempted to frighten her lover, and fired the revolver in her own room to make a pretence of taking her own life, the bullet mark found in the room being caused on that occasion.

The actual death was an accident. Stephens threatened to leave her and she picked up the revolver; there was a struggle, a shot, and the young man fell to the floor; how it was fired she did not know.

No one ever does know, until there it was. Which story would be believed? Sir Percival Clarke cross-examined her with force and thoroughness, but she adhered to her story. Upon the whole she was not much shaken.

The speech for the defence may well have been a disappointment for those onlookers who expected an exhibition of rhetorical emotion. The days of fluted oratory are gone. Unless a case is absolutely hopeless, flights of imagination or poetic emotion are best left to the theatre.

Whether or not the speech for Mrs. Barney had any effect upon the jury we no one will ever know, but then no one ever does know what a jury think until they return to their seats after having considered their verdict.

At that moment there is a test which is almost infallible. If they look at the prisoner the verdict is not guilty; if they do not, the sentence is death.

When the jury filed back into the court they looked at Mrs. Barney. She was acquitted.

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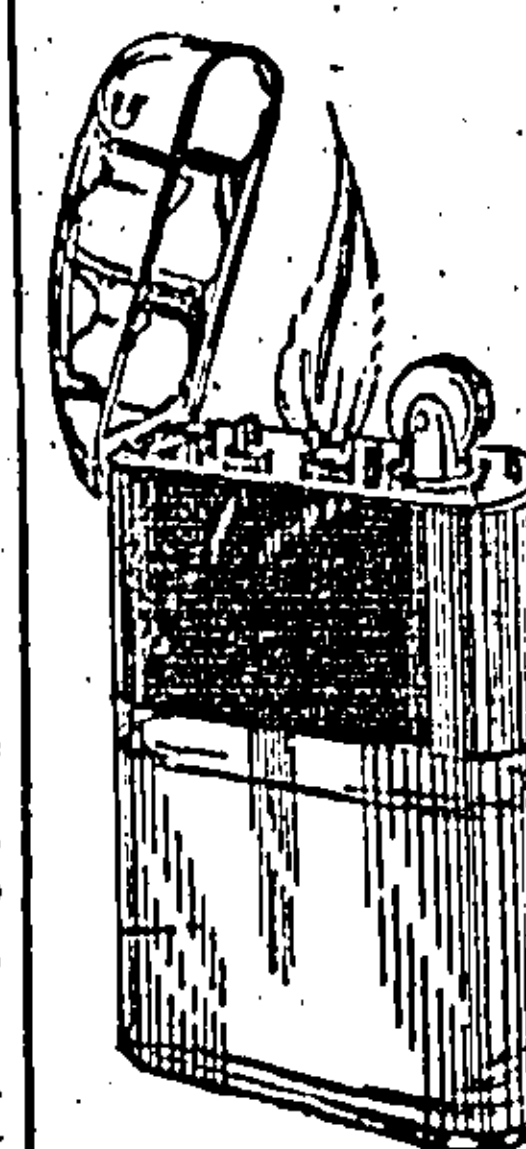
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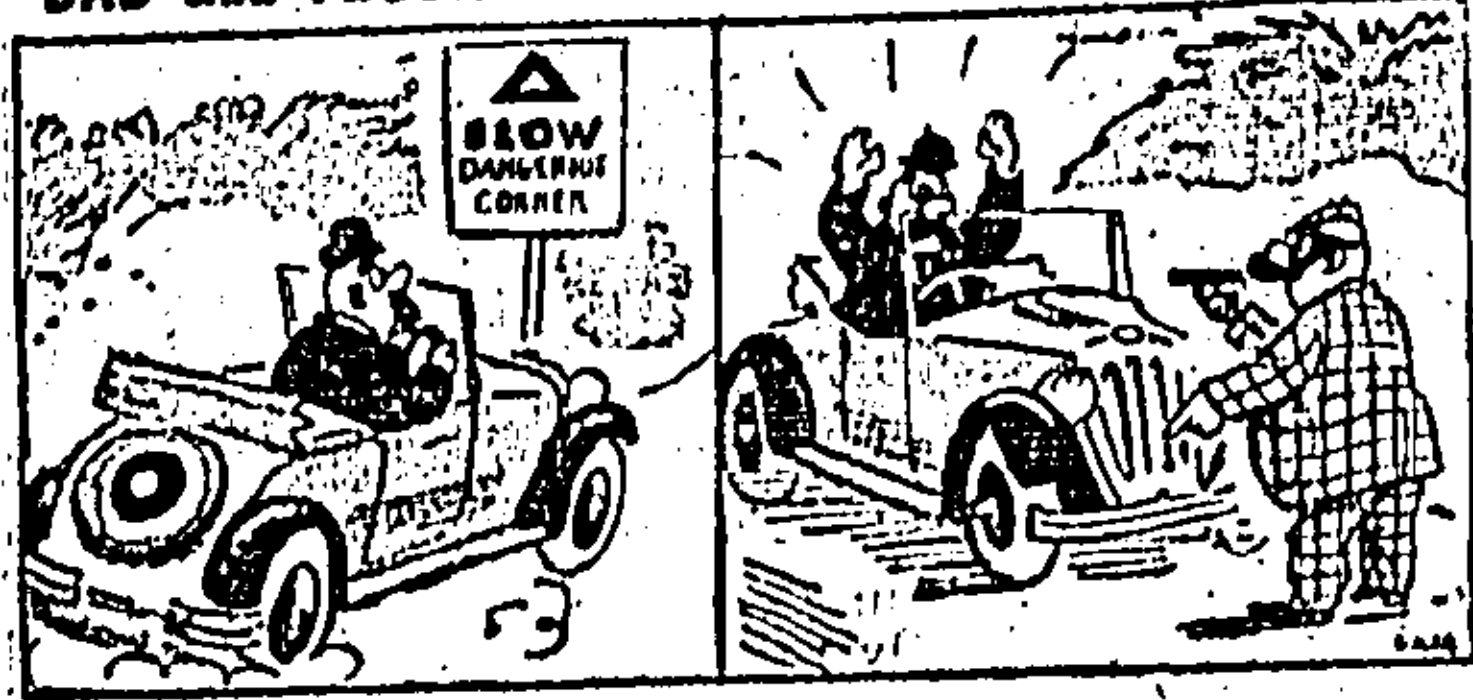






## DAB and FLOUNDER

By WALTER



FROM HERE AND THERE:

## THE (OSTRICH) FEATHERS FLEW

**CAPE TOWN:** People waiting on the aerodrome for a light plane to land at Worcester, 80 miles from Capetown, were attacked by two wild ostriches, which had eventually to be shot before the plane could land.

## LONG LIFE RECIPE

**NEW YORK:** A centenarian, Francesco La Sala, of Bronxville, New York, broke away from the usual recipes for longevity. His recipe—a daily dozen, plenty of home-made wine, big black cigars, and playing cards all night.

## BACHELORS-BEWARE

**VIENNA:** A Viennese lawyer, Leddihn, aged 76, has asked permission of the Austrian Minister of the Interior to form a "Reform party." The main point of the party's programme is the introduction of compulsory marriage for all bachelors between 30 and 65; Leddihn told a press conference.

## FLASH-BACK

**CAPE TOWN:** Saved from drowning in the surf near Kommetjie, Aubrey Lehmann, 47, visited from New York, broke through his mind while in the water, but more important, he had finally remembered where he had hidden his gold watch.

## FULL EMPLOYMENT

**MELBOURNE:** The keenest competition in Australian business is for office boys and junior typists who are disdainful even of fabulous wages, wheeling promises of light work and considerable treatment. The highest bid is made by a Sydney firm which offers a bicycle to any boy who will stay one year and has plastered its front window with an invitation to passing boys to come inside to view the bicycle and be persuaded by a respectful boss. Even this brings more promises to "think it over" than purposeful applications. The boss says "When I was a boy a messenger was a slave and drudge. Now he is everybody's

pet. They watch his whims and his pockets are always full of cigarettes, toffee and sixpences."

## WHAT NEXT?

**WASHINGTON:** A breakfast tray of glass which radiates enough heat to fry eggs, make toast and warm coffee, but not enough to damage the bed-clothes, will soon come on the market.

## SQUAD 'SHUN—PLEASE

**NEW YORK:** Orders have gone out to sergeants training recruits for America's peacetime army to say "please" to the recruits as often as possible.

## HIGH RANKING CLUB

**STOCKHOLM:** A tall men's club has been formed here. Members in good standing must measure at least seven feet. There is a junior member division where 6 ft. 7 in. is the minimum requirement. One hundred and sixty feet of members enrolled on the first day. They came from all walks of life, including policemen, actors, and circus freaks.

## NEW(S) STORY

**NEW YORK:** Robert Jung, a Swiss correspondent, has produced a newspaper at his own expense, a breakfast table argument with his wife—that there is never any good news nowadays. His paper, which will be circulated free to about 150 readers while his money lasts, prints only good news. Samples—50,000 Arabs live peacefully in Palestine, juvenile delinquency drops in Ohio, better drinking water for Pennsylvania. Said owner Jung: "I'm tired of the scare telegram and the terrible times."

## SECOND BERNADETTE?

**MADRID:** A small girl claims to have seen and talked with the Virgin Mary on several occasions. Accompanied by doctors, priests and thousands of people the girl stands with her hands together. "I can see the Virgin standing near the oak. She is surrounded by a bright light," the girl says. Ecclesiastical authorities are looking into the matter.

# A Briton always pays

THE SORCERER'S AP-  
PRENTICE. By Elspeth  
Huxley, Chatto and Windus.  
18s. 366 pages.

THIS book ought to have two things: (1) a large public; (2) an index. It should have the public because it gives a first-hand, expert impression of contemporary East Africa, a strategically vital segment of the earth's surface. The photographs alone are an education in the scale, beauty, equator and complexity of the land.

As for the index, no book of this factual nature is doing its job efficiently if it lacks the basic equipment for reference. Anybody who supposes that there is a single African problem with a simple solution will have his assurance rattled by Mrs Huxley. While exploitation? But here are wealthy negro landowners paying not a penny in income-tax while alongside them just-very-rich British District Commissioners pay 9s. in the £.

African superstition should be wiped out? Quite so. But if, in wiping it out, you destroy traditional morality—what then?

Better medical and veterinary services? Most desirable. Yet Africa has already more men and animals than it can keep alive and healthy by existing methods of

agriculture. The Sorcerer's Apprentice is a record of achievement as well as a catalogue of perplexities. For instance, the 1943 defeat of the locust invasion. But for the Anti-Locust Directorate and its intelligence service, tens of thousands of the King's subjects would have starved. One of the few swarms to break through destroyed a thousand acres of wheat in one night.

There are white men who groan about the Government and white men who groan about the country. White men who dream dazzling dreams of progress—and other white men who fall in love with the native way of life. Like the District Officer who turned up at Government House, Nairobi, in the costume and with the arms of a Masai warrior.

The White Man's Burden is no merely form of words. Mrs Huxley

even seems to wonder at times why the British taxpayer pursues his expensive, intoxicating, but so often discouraging task.

Fido perhaps. Not the expectation of thanks.

THE MEMOIRS OF COR-  
DELL HULL. Two volumes.  
Hodder and Stoughton. 50s.  
1804 pages.

FOURTEEN HUNDRED AND  
FOUR pages. About 600,000  
words. If Mr Hull's despatches  
while he was Secretary of State were  
on this scale, his Ambassadors can  
never have been without something  
to read.

Put your ear to the covers of  
these massive volumes. You may  
detect a persistent tap-tapping noise.  
That will be the picks of the miners  
at work down below.

Buried here, a rich lode of modern  
history awaits the prospector.  
Critical data on foreign affairs gleam  
amidst the great mounds of trivia-  
lity.

If you wish to know how distrust  
grew up between the Western  
Powers and Russia, consult Chapter  
100 (page 1451). Churchill wished  
Russia to "play the hand" in  
Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria in  
1944. He thought it was possible to  
concede this, without agreeing that  
the Kremlin should have a sphere  
of influence there. Mr Hull was not  
so optimistic.

MEREDITH. By Siegfried  
Sassoon. Constable. 15s. 269  
pages.

IN the Tate Gallery is—or was—a  
painting of Chatterton, dead.  
The model for it was Meredith. The  
painter was the man who ran off  
with Meredith's first wife.

Meredith was the son of a tailor  
and secretly believed himself to be  
of noble origin. As a novelist he  
was damned by brilliance. Failure  
pursued him through a great part of  
his writing career. When, at length,  
success came, the taste of failure  
lingered.

Employed as a reader for Chapman  
and Hall, he rejected Ouida, East  
Lynne, Erehwon and a meteoric suc-  
cess called The Heavenly Twins.

On rejected MSS he would write  
notes like: "The dulness of rapid  
liveliness marks the style of this  
work." "Written in signs of languor."  
He would have made a good book  
reviewer.

EVERY IDLE DREAM. By  
Bernard Darwin. Collins.  
12s. 6d. 255 pages.

MR DARWIN writes so well that  
after a few practice strokes on Tin  
Soldiers, A Day in Bed, and Watch-  
ing Cricket, he takes a full tea-shot  
to Sherlockiana: The Faith of a  
Fundamentalist.

It is not because it is a condition  
of enjoyment in reading that the  
writer should first have enjoyed  
writing, the essays in Every Idle  
Dream will spread joy everywhere  
where they are read. The book is a  
pleasant companion for easy chair  
and sick bed.

## OH! THE VANITY OF AUTHORS!

"NO ORDINARY CHEYNEY." By Peter Cheyney.  
(Faber, 9s. 6d.)

MR PETER CHEYNEY writes novels about crime. They are read apparently by the kind of people who do not object to being called "Cheyney fans."

But I do not believe they are as amiable and easily pleased

Peter Cheyney



as the blurb to his latest book suggests this as an "ideal present" for them. The book opens with an embarrassingly unfunny piece about "sinister, unwashed critics, smelling vaguely of garlic, and living unmentionable lives." It closes with an "appeal" to reviewers. Between these puerilities Mr Cheyney

has spatchcocked what looks to me like litter disinterred from the bottom drawer of his desk.

Lamentable bits of verse ("Oh let me back to Wales again, where I may breathe of God's good air") are jumbled up with odds and ends of execrable facetiousness, articles which have appeared in periodicals, and two or three stories.

The stories are tolerable. The other stuff is not. Evidently his best friends have shrunk from telling him: "Stick to crime, old man; don't try to be funny."

His book is an illustration of the vanity of authors. Not content with fame as the best-selling of all best-sellers, he craves the esteem of the intellectuals. My information is that some of them read him in secret.

Mr Cheyney's spare time could be more profitably devoted to mastering the simple grammatical rule which governs the use of "who" and "whom."

—DANIEL GEORGE.



"Should auld acquaintance be forgot—I'll swap yer two dozen pair o' nylons for a case o' Scotch, Charlie, boy—and never brought to mind."

## YOU MAY KNOW THIS FAMILY...

"THE FIFTH CHILD," by James Courage  
(Constable, 8s. 6d.)

A DOMESTIC novel—that never sounds exciting, but try this one. The scene is New Zealand; and the characters are real.

Hubert Warner is a prosperous sheep farmer. His wife, Florence, mother of four children, is, at the age of 46, with indignation rather than pleasure, expecting another. She has come into town for the winter and rented a furnished house. With her are Susan and Alec, the younger children. Her almost grown-up son and daughter, Ronald and Barbara, are away at college.

After 20 years of hard work on the farm, the respite for Mrs. Warner is like the fulfilment of a dream. Why, she asks herself, has she never before known such freedom? Why need she return to the dreary round of duties?

Between herself and her husband there is no longer any love. Always unsentimental, he is now as irascible as he is efficient. He can manage without her, she decides. She has money of her own. When her baby is born she will stay on in town. She has moments of blissful happiness in contemplating the future.

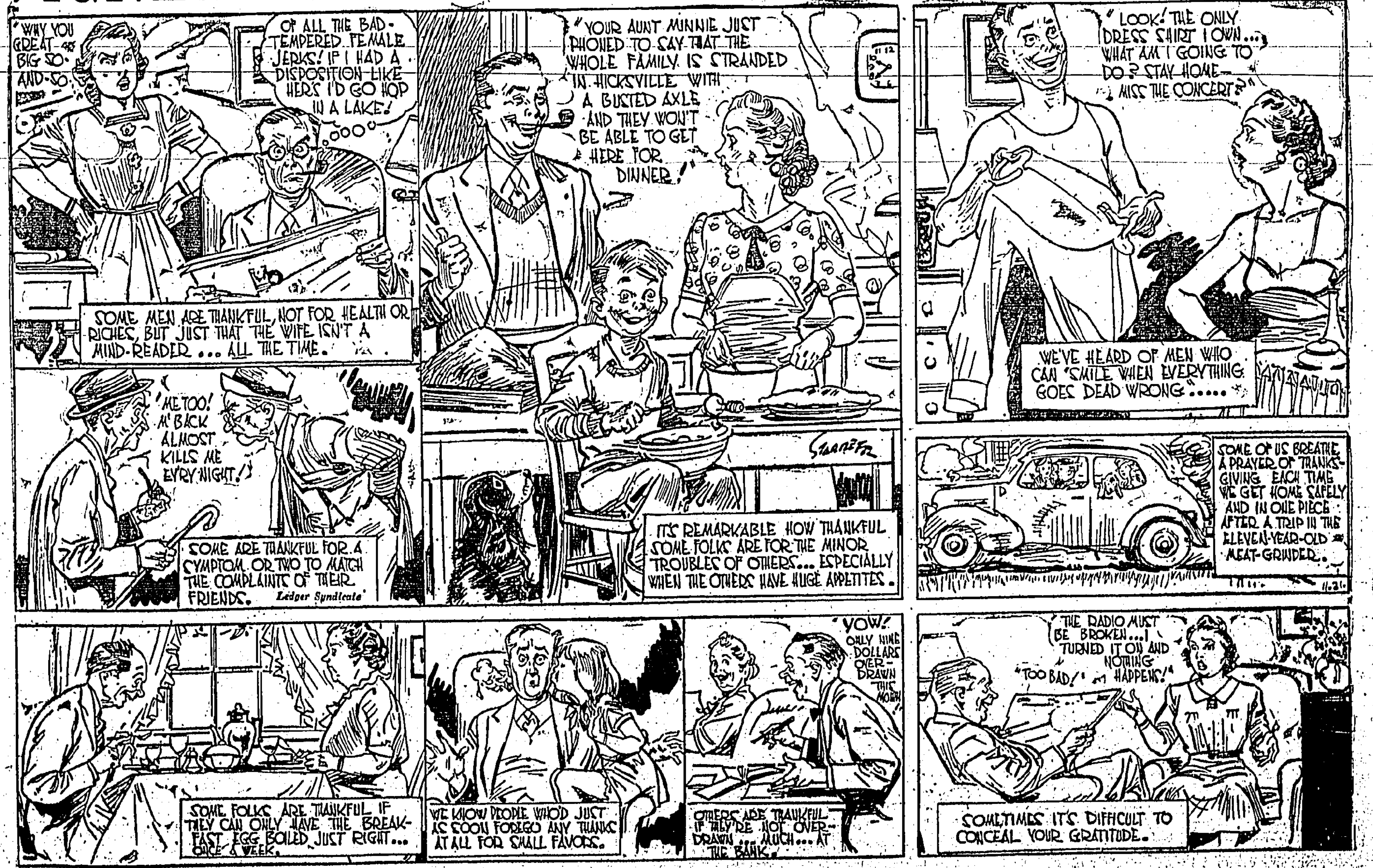
But there are, of course, the children. In the present they constitute a problem. Young Susan and Alec, attending a day school in the town, keep her occupied—two such graceless, bickering, untidy, unruly, silly, human, pathetic and lovable children. The older pair are no easier to handle. Barbara, vain, inconsiderate, is deep in her first romance. Ronald, the elder son, on the threshold of manhood, is preoccupied about his career.

Patently, tactfully, Mrs. Warner controls them all. When her baby is born, her vision of freedom vanishes. She realises that she cannot evade her responsibilities. She must return to the farm.

In its presentation of husband-and-wife and parents-and-children relationships, in its characters, and in the situation which develops, you will find something unusual here. With its unusual is its likeness to life unadorned by fancy.

## VIGNETTES OF LIFE

"Things to Be Thankful For"  
By KEMP STARRETT





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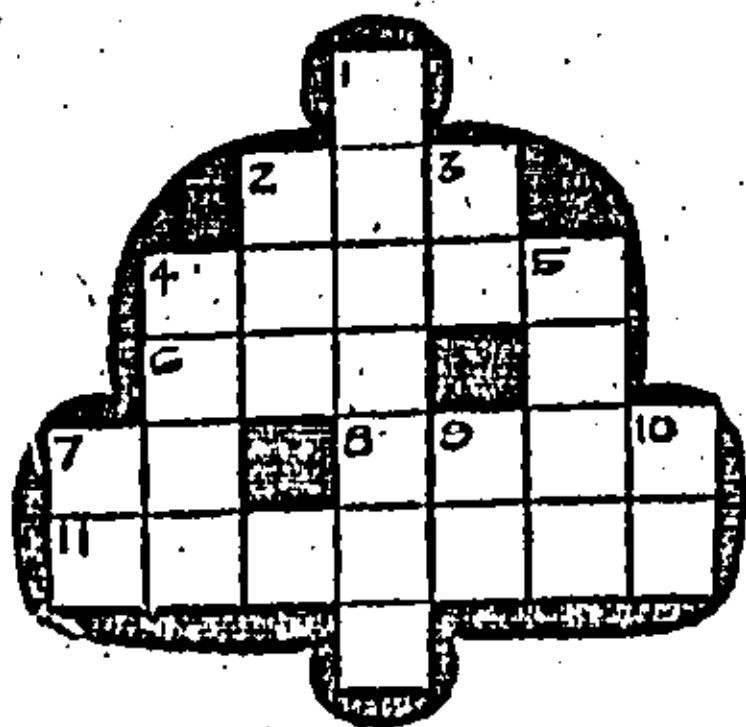
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NEW YEAR FOR PUZZLE FANS

## CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

- 2 Foollike part  
4 Less  
6 Some  
7 Old Testament (ab.)  
8 Kind of cheese  
11 Mends

## DOWN

- 1 We are about to begin a—  
2 Writing tool  
3 Southeast (ab.)  
4 Destiny  
5 Erect  
7 Companion word for "either"  
8 The gods  
10 Manuscript (ab.)

## NEW YEAR REBUS

You'll find four facts about New Year's Eve hidden in the rebus. Use the words and pictures to figure them out.



## DIAMOND

Since there are PARTIES—on New Year's Eve, the word forms the centre of the diamond. The second word is "a dance step," the third "peels," the fifth "a fish net," and the sixth "to observe."

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## Rupert and Margot—30



After thanking Mrs. Bear for the big packet of sandwiches, Rupert runs out of the village towards the point on the river where he has arranged to meet the Rabbit twins, and finds that his pals are there before him. "We're only just got the boat here," shouts Rex, "and we've brought a pair of oars in case there isn't enough wind to take us fast enough." "If there isn't much wind the water won't be rough," smiles Rupert as they all get in, hoist the sail and push off upstream.

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## RIDDLES

1. When is a sheep like ink?  
2. When is a gaeleer an accompanist?  
3. Why is a horse a curious feeder?  
4. Why do gypsies never become insane?  
5. When is a boxer's eye like a barrel?

## MIX-UPS

Three things about the New Year celebrations are hidden in the strange lines below. Rearrange the letters to find them.  
IS IT HOD PLAY SIR  
RID AS GRAM  
FLY RING GREED TINES

## ANSWERS

NEW YEAR REBUS: 1949; Horns; Bells; Year end.

MIX UPS: Holiday spirits; Mardi Gras; Friendly greetings.

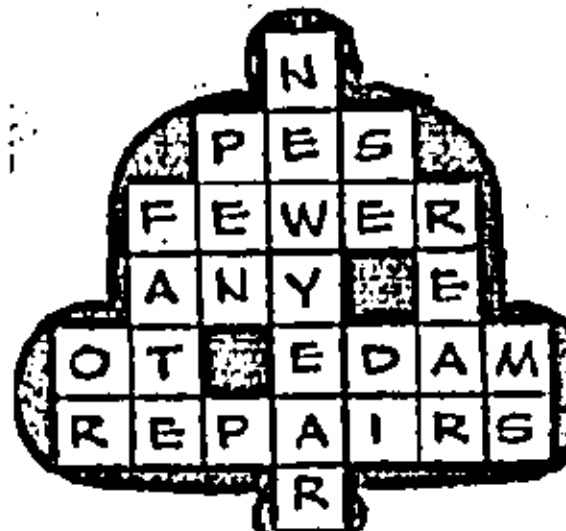
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## RIDDLE ANSWERS:

- 1—When you put it into the pen.  
2—When he fingers the keys.  
3—Because he eats best when he hasn't a bit in his mouth.  
4—Because they lead no-mad lives.  
5—When it's banded up.

## CROSSWORD:



## Punch Makes Up a Riddle

—And the Shadows Guess It Easily—

By MAX TRELL

"TIME for riddles," Mr. Punch said as Knarf and Handi, the shadow-children—with the turned-about names, came into the play-room.

Knarf and Handi sat down at once. Mr. Punch always made up his own riddles. They were fun to try to guess, for they always seemed hard at first, though the answer (when they finally guessed it) was simple enough.

"Tell us the riddle, please," Handi said.

"Mr. Punch smiled, then opened a little book in which he had been writing. 'Now, my dears, I want you to listen very carefully. I'm sure that neither of you will have any trouble guessing this riddle. I just read it to myself and I guessed it in a minute—'

## Wrote the Riddle

"But you knew the answer! You wrote that riddle yourself!" Knarf shouted.

Mr. Punch paid no attention to this. Instead, he smiled again and said: "Whoever guesses this riddle first can have the answer to the riddle for the whole winter. But, of course," he added, "you won't know what it is until you guess it."

Then he began as follows: "I saw him standing in the yard, As white as fallen snow. I asked him what his name might be."

He said he didn't know.

He had a little rounded head, He wore an old straw hat, He had a broken corn-cob pipe, He was very short and fat.

## New Year Has Been Greeted in Many Months of Year

By DAN MURDOCH

DECEMBER is the twelfth month, yet the syllable "dec" comes from a Latin word meaning 10. September, October and November are likewise misnamed, for "sept," "oct" and "nov" come from Latin words meaning "seven," "eight" and "nine."

How does this happen, you ask; can't the calendar makers count? Well, they could long ago when March was the first month. This made September, October, November and December fall in the right place. Since those days the calendar has changed and nobody bothered to change the names of the months.

Long ago, when the Roman and Greek nations were on top of world affairs, the New Year began in the spring. This makes sense to farmers, because they really begin their year with spring planting. Daylight gets longer and the weather gets warmer. Seeds sprout, buds open and growing things turn green.

March was named for the Roman god of war, Mars, who was the head of the agricultural division of Olympus as well.

THE Jews began their year in the autumn. And this is sensible too, especially for boys and girls who start school about that time.

Autumn is a serious time. Flowers and leaves die and a hard winter is ahead. It's a good time to prepare for things ahead, to study mistakes of the past and prepare for another year of better things. The Jews have repentance and atonement in the autumn for this reason.

The Mohammedan New Year begins in November and the years of other religions and civilisations have begun at various times. In fact, the "fiscal" year of many governments begins on July 1, instead of January 1—but this makes no difference in the calendar.

THE fact is that, when a year is started makes no real difference at all. There may be good reasons for starting it any time, but in order

to avoid confusion, nearly everyone nowadays starts his year in winter, about the time the days start to get longer.

As you know, days shorten in the autumn. Some time about the last 10 days of December the "shortest day" occurs and days begin to get longer. For the first week or so the day varies only a few seconds or minutes and the time is hardly enough to notice. But in January people begin to say, "Do you notice how the sun comes up earlier and gets later?"

Ancient people called this "the return of the sun," and so the custom grew of starting the year when the sun began to show itself a little longer each day.

Below the equator, in the southern hemisphere, days begin to get shorter in January, because their summer is taking place during the winter months of the northern hemisphere. But before the calendar was an established institution the southern hemisphere was not inhabited by civilised peoples. Therefore when people of the north colonised Africa, Australia and South America they took the northern calendar with them.

So nearly everyone now has a happy New Year at the same time.

Hurt Feelings  
Are Your  
Own Problem

GETTING our feelings hurt seems to happen to most of us much too often, and we usually blame the other fellow for the grief and unhappiness and resentment it causes. But why should we blame others when no one can upset us unless we let them? Hurt feelings are strictly a personal problem.

Epictetus, a wise old philosopher of ancient times, tells us: "Remember that it is not he who gives abuse or who is abused, but the view we take of these things as insulting. When, therefore, one provokes you, be assured that it is your own opinion which provokes you."

It is our reaction to the incident which turns it into a problem of hurt feelings, then WE are the ones who are to blame and who should do something about it.

When Jim says something that stings we can refuse to be upset. Try reminding yourself how friendly and kind he usually is and do or say something to show him you appreciate his friendship, instead of getting resentful and angry.

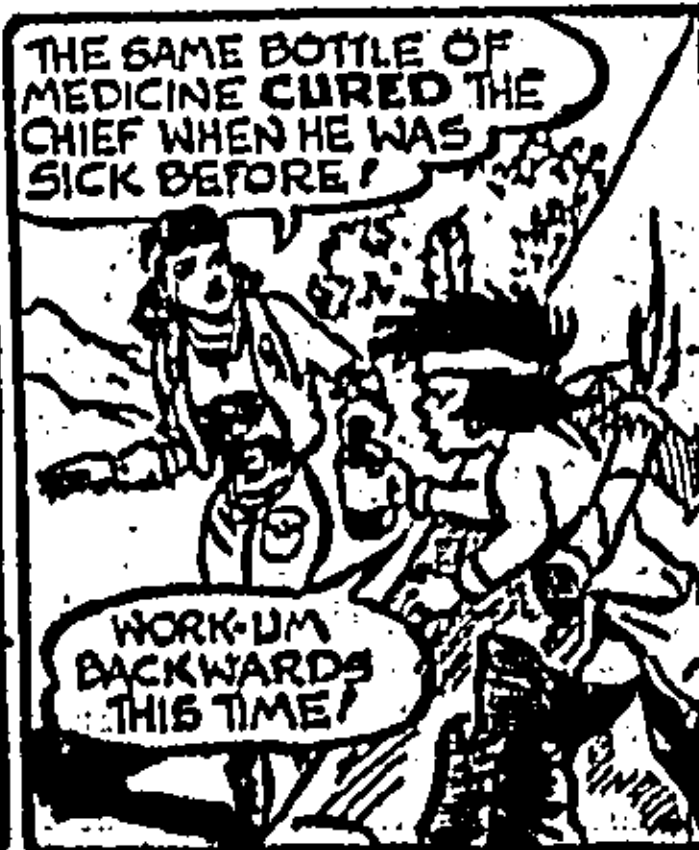
If Mary does the very thing you asked her not to do, don't get mad and say spiteful things. Keep control of your temper and emotions and you change the whole situation so no feelings will be hurt.

Once you realize no one can hurt you but yourself, then it is YOUR responsibility to see that things go smoothly.

BY FRED HARMAN

## RED RYDER

## Getaway Day

Bragging Is Okay,  
If Done This Way

PSYCHOLOGISTS say bragging should be encouraged rather than frowned upon. Many of our teen-age worries and uncertainties are based on the fear that we aren't equal to our friends. So, when troubled with inferiority complex, cure it by bragging about the things done well.

The best place for bragging is at home and the easiest way to accomplish it is with a "Brag Board." If you feel that bragging shouldn't be done in public, hang the Brag Board in the back hall, but we predict that when you get used to the idea you'll move it into the living room.

Any home-made bulletin board will do. If you don't have one, remove the glass from a large picture frame and replace it with a square of heavy cardboard. Paint or decorate the frame to match the colour scheme. Then stick up anything and everything that is worth bragging about on the board.

A school report with a good grade, a clipping from your paper about your party, an appointment as club chairman, advancements in Scout-ing, what the leader of your young



people's group said about the way you accepted responsibility—and all of those things are actual measurements to show that you are a superior person. You can feel proud about them and you should.

One family cleans off the Bragging Board periodically and pasted the Brags into a Bragging Book. This family scrapbook is a source of great pleasure because it records all family events such as Mother being elected club president, Dad making a speech at Rotary, and Junior winning the three-legged race at a picnic.

It Takes Two  
To Make  
A Resolution

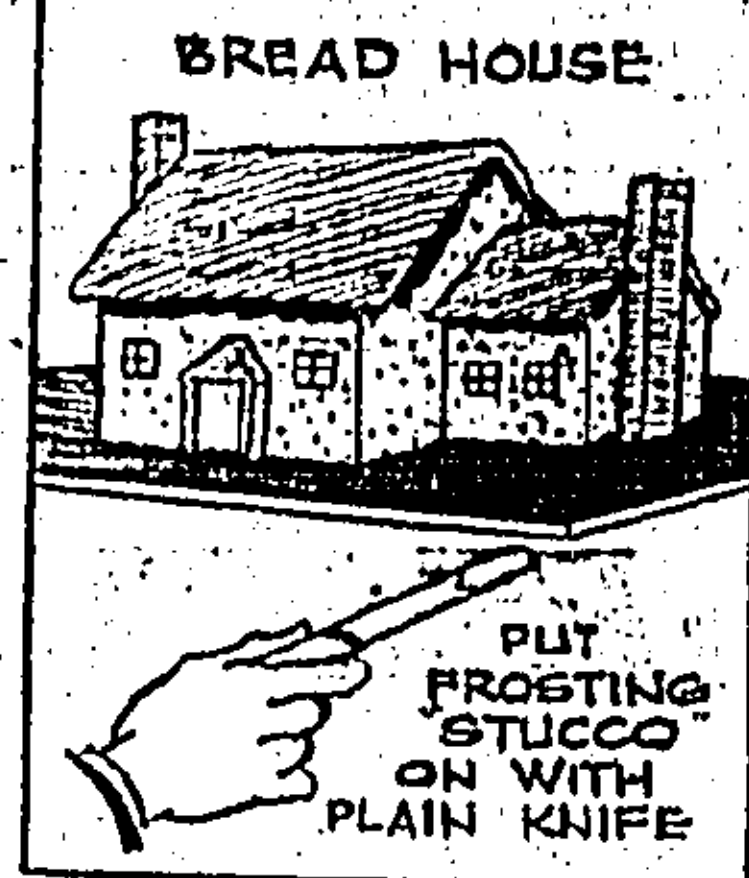
MOST of us make resolutions every New Year's Day, and most of them involve other people, so they become "two-way" propositions—ours and the other fellow's. This came home to us last week as we watched a friend express her appreciation of a small Christmas gift. She was so gracious, so kindly, in her thanks that the giver simply glowed. Later, she told me that one of her resolutions, made some time ago, had been to show more appreciation of other people's good qualities, to share their experiences more wholeheartedly and so "help others keep the good resolutions they made."

That made me realise how definitely our resolutions are two-way affairs. They depend not only on our keeping good ideas working, but in giving the other fellow an opportunity to keep his by accepting from him the good his resolution prompted him to offer.

It takes a lot of sticking to it to keep those resolutions we make, and it's just as hard for the other fellow to live up to his. If we make one of our resolves a promise to ourselves to watch for opportunities to help the other fellow stick to his ideals, we'll find ourselves carrying through on a lot of our own good resolutions as a result of it.

## NOT SO NICE!

An exceedingly plump woman teetered into the crowded bus clutching for a strap and swaying dangerously. Twelve-year-old Tommy turned to the two boys sitting beside him on the long seat. "Let the three of us get up and give the lady our place," he offered.

Decoration  
For A New  
Year Party

If you want something "different" to brighten up the home for the New Year holiday, make a bread house from two stale loaves, decorated with chocolate and white icing.

You will not be able to eat this appetising bit of property, but it makes a wonderful table ornament. First, slice off the crusts from your two stale loaves with a sharp knife. It will help if you warm the knife blade before each slice.

For the main section of the house cut one piece about six inches long. For the wing make the second loaf four inches long. You will have little difficulty in shaping the roof and cutting a couple of sturdy chimneys from what is left over from the second loaf.

Toothpicks will hold the house together. These are pushed in as far as possible or until both sections and chimneys are solidly fastened together.

Now you are ready for the "stuccoing." Spread cake icing around the walls with a plain knife. The roof is covered by using melted chocolate or by colouring the sugar icing any desirable shade. Windows and doors may be added by means of a cake decorator. Or, if you prefer to keep a rustic effect, simply attach porch and window cut from the second loaf and cover them with icing.

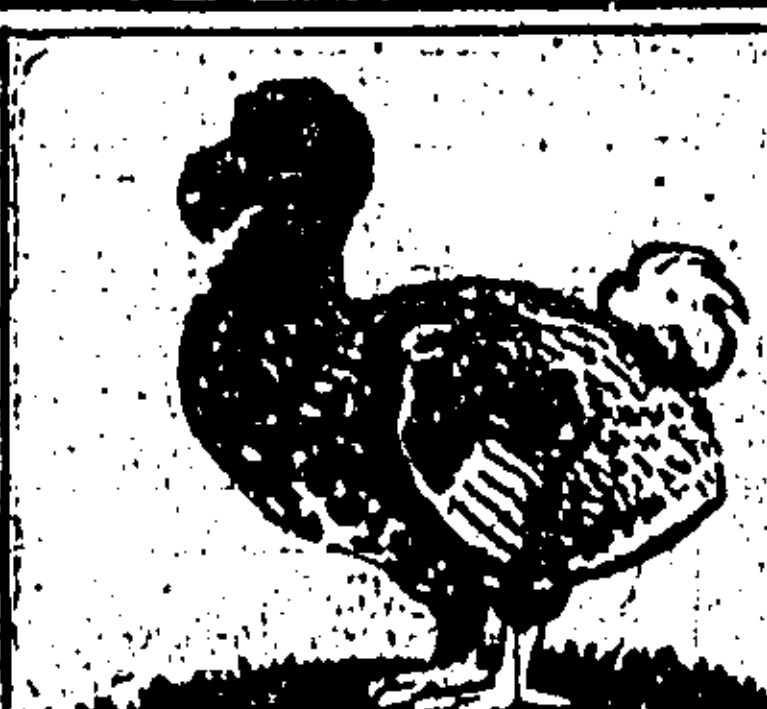
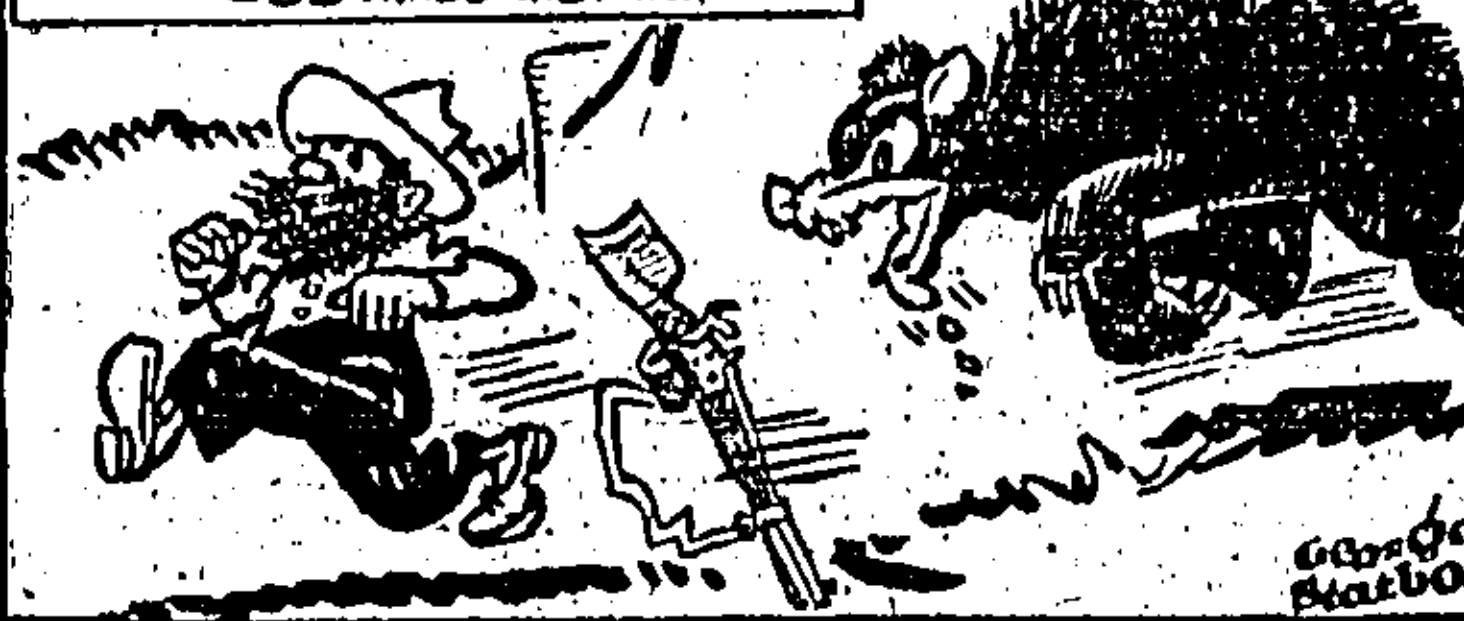
You will find frosting helps cover any holes in the bread to make a really smart-looking house.

When finished, the final step is the landscaping. This is done by placing the house on a board which is covered with a green cloth. Then you can move the house around easily from room to room.

If you prefer a winter scene, place a few dabs of white frosting on the roof and set up your house on a layer of cotton wool. Then arrange a few clumps of evergreens round about by pushing the stems of twigs through the cotton wool and into tiny blocks of bread hidden under the "snow."

## ZOO'S WHO

A FULL GROWN MAN MAY WEIGH 30 TIMES MORE THAN HE WEIGHED AT BIRTH, BUT A BEAR MAY WEIGH 300 TIMES MORE...



THE EXTINCT DODO HAS BEEN CALLED THE MOST UGLY BIRD THAT EVER EXISTED.

A TURTLE DERBY IN ALEXANDRIA RECENTLY SNAPPED BECAUSE LAST YEAR ONE NEARLY GOT A JUDGE'S THUMB...



## SPARE MOMENTS PAGE

EXCLUSIVE 'TELEGRAPH' FEATURE

## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

**B**ORN on this last day of the old year, you are apt to have a transitional personality, yourself. You have a deeply intellectual mind and while knowing the familiar and conventions of old, you are more inclined to turn towards things new and untried. The stars have given you a number of latent talents and it is up to you to make the most of them at all times.

Although artistic by nature, you are not lacking in the qualifications for making good at some

business venture. You have good judgment and at times are quite shrewd, but never what might be called a "sharpshooter." You will give a competitor an even break—being highly critical, you indulge in considerable analysis, often too much self-analysis. You have a gift for words and a talent for colour and form. Whether you turn your efforts towards art or literature, you depend to a great extent upon your formal education and training. Be

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1949

**B**ORN on this first day of a new year, you seem to have many of the hopeful, positive characteristics which come with freshness and newness. Your ideals are exceptionally high and your determination and capability for leadership should place you in a key position at some period in your life. Success may come early—or late—depending upon the fortitude with which you tackle the problem of achieving your desires.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Self-control is needed in the matter of celebrating on this first day of the year. Look ahead.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Haste can make mistakes and cause accidents. Be wise and think carefully before you act on impulse, today.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—All social events are highly successful. Anticipate happiness from a member of the opposite sex.

**ARIES** (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Not the best day in the world for impulse—especially if concerning a member of the opposite sex.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—Celebrate today if you wish, but don't neglect the important business of making plans for 1949.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 22)—Use your wit when it comes to making any important decision today. Impulse is not to be trusted. Be wise.

**CANCER** (June 23-July 23)—Not too good a day for you. Take things slowly and calmly and you can avoid trouble due to accidents.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—Make a new friend; hold those you have and your beginning of the New Year will be a very favourable one.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Not the best day in the world, so rather humble in your talents—and you have many of them. You are a "born leader" and should do so exceptionally well in executive education, personnel work or teaching.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—In this last day you would be the type to inspire your students. In addition, you are the type who will feel you are doing good, even if underpaid!

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Things of the mind are much more important to you than material things, although you will not be a scorn in good salary. However, you would probably devote

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2**

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Not too propitious a day for either travel or business ventures. Hold on to what you have rather than trying to expand.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Give publicity to some event through writing or advertising and you will receive excellent results.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—You are one of those whose dreams might be interpreted to your benefit. Some member of the fair sex may do you a good turn, too.

**ARIES** (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Guard your health, especially if you need to travel. A family conference may clear up some minor misunderstanding.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—Delayed news, regarding a business promotion or a new job, may reach you today.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 22)—This may be an unusual day of harmony and friendship. Derive pleasure from all your social contacts.

**CANCER** (June 23-July 23)—The New Year is beginning to show its sunny side now! Make the most of all social and business opportunities.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—Be progressive and forward in thinking.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 3**

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A good day for normal business, but avoid getting into an emotional upset when afternoon and evening come.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—If you are restless, it may be a warning sign that you are attempting too much work. Slack off; rest.

**ARIES** (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Catch up on necessary correspondence. Delay making important decisions.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—Personal popularity and aggressiveness will pay good dividends today. Be alert to business opportunities, too.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 22)—News from a distance or an unexpected meeting with an old friend, perhaps, may bring about advantages.

**CANCER** (June 23-July 23)—Romance, perhaps as a result of a journey or a social gathering, may bring happiness into your life.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—If dealing with the public, confront the "head man" and project your ideas vividly. Success is awaiting your efforts.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be quick and keen to see an advantage and to grasp opportunity when it comes your way. Don't delay.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Romance for you is around almost any corner if you are seeking it, but don't neglect business for pleasure.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Be conservative when it comes to putting plans for business expansion into operation. Otherwise, an excellent day.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Slow and easy will win today's race for you. Don't jump to conclusions; be unemotional.

careful that you do not overwork your brain, for you are inclined to become moody when mentally weary. The best thing for you to do in such cases is to get into the great outdoors. You will find Nature revivifying and inspirational, as well.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

be unusually informed about the places you visit.

Careful in business matters, you have the ability to become quite wealthy, provided you put all your energies into making money. However, since the stars have given you artistic talents, it is likely you will be happier in some profession or in the arts.

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be sure to use judgment if called upon to make any decisions.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Optimistic hopes for the future can go a long way toward bringing them to pass. Be co-operative, and conciliatory.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Guard your health and don't let your irritation show, especially if dealing with members of the opposite sex.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Emotions are high and you will probably derive great pleasure from visiting your family and close friends.

any great wealth you might achieve to helping those with talent who do not have the means to pursue their natural bent. You are not a philanthropist in the general term; you merely like to help others help themselves. You have little or no patience with intellectual laziness.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

Get all future business plans ready to roll.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Don't let routine slip and trip you. Clear thinking is needed to be able to sift good from bad if a business offer is made.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Catch up on that correspondence if you have neglected some of those "thank-you" notes.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A good day if you don't let emotions lead you into something too adventuresome to be wise.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Good judgment is all that is needed if you are to make this a banner day. Hope is the essence!

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—Personal popularity and aggressiveness will pay good dividends today. Be alert to business opportunities, too.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 22)—News from a distance or an unexpected meeting with an old friend, perhaps, may bring about advantages.

**CANCER** (June 23-July 23)—Romance, perhaps as a result of a journey or a social gathering, may bring happiness into your life.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—If dealing with the public, confront the "head man" and project your ideas vividly. Success is awaiting your efforts.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be quick and keen to see an advantage and to grasp opportunity when it comes your way. Don't delay.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Romance for you is around almost any corner if you are seeking it, but don't neglect business for pleasure.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Be conservative when it comes to putting plans for business expansion into operation. Otherwise, an excellent day.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Slow and easy will win today's race for you. Don't jump to conclusions; be unemotional.

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"We'd better wake grandpa and tell him the New Year's noise is going full blast on the radio—he's never heard anything like it!"

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

I MUST have silence for a moment, to think things out, having just read of the death in America of the "only man who ever kicked a whale in the eye."

First of all, how do they know he was the only man? People don't go about boasting of having kicked a whale in the eye. "Fulla, old man! What have you been up to lately?" "I've just kicked a whale in the eye." "Good work!"

The mass observation people have been watching likely whale-kickers for years, but have not recorded a single case of this kind, and the latest Gallup poll showed that only a few angry fishermen were in favour of kicking whales in the eye. Eighty-seven percent, didn't know or care.

**Rustiguzzi's debut**  
I CANNOT do better than quote from the notice I wrote in the *Rochester Observer* when Rustiguzzi made her debut at the Scala in Milan as Isolde:

"It was an experience not so much of music as of elemental sound. Here is a young singer whose softest and tenderest notes drawn the augmented orchestra, a singer who can invest the yearning syllables of passion with all the fire of a Zulu war-cry. . . . I noticed that when she fully opened what one is tempted to call her throat, the conductor flinched and covered back on his rostrum, and several instrumentalists bent their heads like saplings before a storm. Whether such an uproar is really music will be hotly debated for many a day. But here certainly is a voice which will delight those who think strength and power more admirable than beauty."

**In passing**  
"The best contemporary thought" is evidently in full swing this season. I note with reverence and delight that a psychologist has uttered this fearless statement: "If one broods on a grievance, it becomes settled in the mind." Think of the acute observation of human nature, the years of patient toil and research which preceded this revolutionary discovery, and then marvel that there are people who utter such the whole psychological business is being made ridiculous by the hangers-on.

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One great phase of the Japanese textile industry is not recognized in the United States, says Planz, and that is the steady improvement in the quality of Japanese output and the likelihood that some day they will compete for the better class markets.

He reported also that on his trip to Japan he saw export bookings for 8,000 looms and 200,000 spindles at prices so much below American rates that he protested to SCAP. As a result, textile machinery exports were expected in Tokyo to advise Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters on the problem.

A different point of view is taken by Kenneth Douthy, Georgia State director of the Textile Workers Union of America (CIO). Douthy, on special assignment with the U.S. Army in Tokyo, wrote a dispatch for the Union newspaper, "Textile Labour," contending that Japan would no longer dominate the world textile market.

Strict occupation control, better wages for labour and vast reduction in capacity as compared to that before the war, he said, has shown "how a nation deliberately commits economic hari-kiri in an effort to gain military domination."

Japanese labour, always the secret to Japan's underdog on the world market, is now 2,700 yen monthly or, in terms of foreign exchange, the amount an American worker earns per day. Yet it is such an improvement over former conditions, he writes, that "Japanese textile men are complaining about the wage competition from India and China, her rivals for the Far Eastern trade."

**CONSTANT PRESSURE**  
One American observer disagreed with Douthy's pessimistic outlook. The *Journal of Commerce* contends: 1. There is constant pressure to remove the 4,000,000 spindle limit in Japan, and many observers see only a matter of time before it is raised.

2. The Japanese have the technological training to give them an edge over competitors in the Far East—an edge which gave them access to competing in other markets.

3. Japan's textile machinery industry, living largely on exports, is growing steadily, and it would be a simple matter to boost Japan's textile capacity through using its own machinery.

By and large, most observers believe that the textile industry, "like other war-making consumer goods," is approaching the saturation point. The only way it will be able to continue at a prosperous level is to discover new sources of revenue. New sources of production, application of labour to the textile industry, and the use of purchasing power.

The only alternative is lower prices, giving consumers more for what money they have—or when they have less—giving comparable values for less.—United Press.

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## TEST MATCH

SOUTH AFRICANS  
FORCE A DRAW

Johannesburg, Dec. 30.—Defying England's attack for six hours in scoring his maiden century in Test cricket, Eric Rowan helped South Africa force a creditable draw today in the second Test here.

At the close of play, South Africa had scored 270 for two wickets in their second innings, having made 315 runs in their first innings in reply to England's 608.

With eight wickets still standing, they were only 23 runs behind.

Rowan, who had been dropped by the selectors from the team for the third Test, made 150 not out, after being missed at mid-off by George Mann, the English captain, with his score at 69.

With his captain, Dudley Nourse (50 not out), he put on 163 in about three hours in an unbroken third wicket stand. Earlier, he had helped Bruce Mitchell (40) wear down the English bowling with the resolute partnership of 62 for the second wicket.

With time being of more importance to South Africa today than runs, the scoring rate was very slow until the draw was assured. On a pitch which was still almost perfect, the English attack battered against stolid batsmen who were determined to stay at the wicket, and the day's play brought the fall of only one wicket.

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When this objective had been gained, the pair scored more freely.

Mills v.  
Louis?

London, Dec. 30.—When Freddie Mills steps into an open-air London boxing ring on June 2 to fight Bruce Woodcock for the latter's European, British and Empire titles, he may not only emerge as the holder of seven titles, but also as a contender for Joe Louis's world heavyweight title.

Mills, the world, European, British and Empire light-heavyweight champion, was not included by Louis in a list of six contenders he named for an eliminator contest, but the world champion mentioned Gus Lesnevich, from whom Mills took the world title, and Woodcock.

A win over Woodcock should put Mills into the running for the heavyweight honours, for with victories over two of the named contenders he could not be overlooked.

The argument that Mills is too light does not bear so much weight now that the National Boxing Association of America have listed Ezzard Charles with Joe Walcott as outstanding contenders for Louis's title.

## CONTENT

Charles is really a light-heavyweight, but has been fighting heavyweights for some time. For some reason or other, he failed to get a light-heavyweight title match with the then champion, Lesnevich, and has been content with his lot in the heavyweight division.

Proof that he would have no difficulty in making the 12 stone seven pound limit was provided when Mills received a proposal recently to fight Charles in New York.

The proposal was rejected because the British boxer has already earned a considerable sum during the past year and if he fights again before April he would have to pay income tax on his purse at 10/6d in the pound. Sterling manager, said that it would mean training and fighting for nothing. The fact that Charles is not a crowd-puller is also against the match.

## STILL AN ATTRACTION

Woodcock has not impressed in his recent fights with the Americans, Lee Oma and Lee Savold, but he is still an attraction in the United States, mainly because he would provide the international tag and therefore assure the promoters of a capacity gate.

If Mills wins on June 2, he will be just as attractive a proposition. It does not hold, however, that if either of the British boxers did enough to be matched for the world title it would necessarily take place in America. Mr. Jack Solomons, the London promoter, has some form of tie-up with the 20th Century Sporting Club in New York, and he is of the opinion that a world heavyweight fight could be staged in London.

The promoter does not think it would be too difficult to get Louis to come to Britain, for it is a known fact that the champion has been appearing in exhibition bouts because he is short of ready money.

McKenley Going To  
Australia

Sydney, Dec. 30.—Jamaican sprinter Herb McKenley will compete in the Australian track and field championships in Sydney from January 14 to 22.

The Jamaican, who competed in the last Australian Championships, but had only moderate success, Associated Press.

## THE SCOREBOARD

England—1st Innings	608
South Africa—1st Innings	315
South Africa—2nd Innings	270
England—2nd Innings	for two
Rowan, not out	150
Wynne, T. W. B. Bedser	4
Mitchell, C. Hutton, B. Wright	40
Nourse, not out	56
Extras	14
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THEATRE MEN  
SELECT BEST  
MONEY-MAKERS

Hollywood, Dec. 30.—British exhibitors picked Anna Neagle as the best money-making British film star of 1948 and placed her second only to the American crooner, Bing Crosby, in an international list published tonight by the Motion Picture Herald.

The British exhibitors picked the British stars in this order as money-makers after Miss Neagle—Margaret Lockwood, John Mills, Michael Wilding, Stewart Granger, Michael Denison, Jack Warner, Google Withers, Patricia Roc, with a last-place tie between James Mason and Dennis Price.

In their international list, the British exhibitors selected after Bing Crosby and Miss Neagle—Margaret Lockwood, John Mills, Michael Wilding, Frederic March, Bob Hope, Danny Kaye, Myrna Loy and Gregory Peck.

In the American producers' list of Hollywood stars, Bing Crosby came first for the fifth successive year in a record in the 17 years that the poll has been running.

Betty Grable, repeating last year's success, came second. It was her sixth appearance among the top 10. The comedians, Abbott and Costello, after an absence of three years from the lists, came back in third place followed by Gary Cooper, Bob Hope, Humphrey Bogart, Clark Gable, Cary Grant, Spencer Tracy and Ingrid Bergman.

Reuter.

Four Japs On  
Counterfeiting  
Charges

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Two Japanese and two Japanese-Americans, who said they had planned to "make lots of money" from what one of them learned in prison, were arraigned today on counterfeiting charges.

The men were seized in a raid here before they could print and pass bogus bills. Secret Service agents said they seized counterfeiting equipment, including plates for a US\$20 bill and photographic negatives for US\$50 bills.

The four arrested men were Isamu Honda, alias Fred Honda, 35, Yoshio Kono, 31, Kyoshi Endow, 45, and Kenji Kono, 45.

Agents said Kono and Honda were Americans of Japanese ancestry, while Endow and Oyeda were Japanese aliens. Records here showed that Oyeda served a term at San Quentin Prison, California, on a slaying charge, and agents said Endow was once an inmate of Folsom Penitentiary. They said Oyeda told them he learned how to make counterfeit plates while in prison and he and others turned out quantities of counterfeit bills.

The United States Commissioner, Mr. Edwin, set bond of US\$10,000 for Honda and Kono and US\$5,000 each for Endow and Oyeda. At Washington the Secret Service chief, U. E. Baughman, said the arrests upset the counterfeiting plot before it got under way.

Agents said that Kono, a professional photographer, admitted making the negatives for the plates.

United Press.

Civil War Effect  
On Brushes

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—The American Brush Manufacturers Association said the Chinese civil war "is having a very serious effect upon the manufacture of paint brushes."

"Chinese bristles—plugs bristles—constitute the basic raw material out of which our best paint brushes are made," the Association said.

Around The  
Town

—with Mercia Hillaly

PROF. de Vargas really needs no introduction to those who were present at the Club Lusitano to hear his very interesting talk on the History of Cultural Relations between China and the West.

History is his strong subject and he is surprised that so few people here know much about the history of South China, "which is really terribly interesting."

There are many books on the subject, he said, but few seem to read them. Prof. de Vargas also expressed surprise at the lack of some sort of public library here.

Formerly professor at Yenching University in Peking, Prof. de Vargas is now on his way to take up his new post at Silliman University in the Philippines, where he will continue to teach for a couple of years before he joins his wife and children in Lausanne.

A Swiss subject, he came out to China 35 years ago, preparing for missionary work first as student teacher, and teaching ever since.

During the war he was one of the Swiss representatives for the internment camps and he said how happy he was to have been able to help his many American and British friends.

Prof. Vargas evidently does not believe in retirement, for, despite his long service in the Far East, he will continue to teach when he goes home, and is even thinking of accepting a post in the United States.

Mr. R. Kelly is very modest and shrugs his shoulders when he talks about himself. "There's really not much I can tell you," he said. But what he did tell me made very good listening, for he is widely travelled and can talk of his travels in a way to command interest.

He gave a 15-minute radio talk on Wednesday night on Transjordan, where he spent about two and a half years with the Arabs, and has a very fluent knowledge of their language.

He says they still have the belief that Lawrence of Arabia is alive and in hiding.

Two more radio talks will be given shortly, one on South Africa and another on Indo-China. Mr. Kelly will be leaving about the middle of next month for Canada on business.

His experiences cover reporting work in England and during the war, as a parachutist in France, where he worked with the Resistance. After Hanover was captured, Lt-Col Kelly was entrusted with publicity and information control for this German territory.

Since the war he has been touring Australia and New Zealand and Indo-China, and has been in Hongkong for about a month.

You'd think it dangerous to let Aladdin handle anything but magic lanterns, but Wing Commander Panton has other ideas. Perhaps he feels that children's tales ought to get abreast of the times, and the result is "Aladdin and the Atom Bomb," due to be shown at Kai Tak early in January.

This pantomime will have an all-male cast with officers and airmen of the RAF taking part.

Col. Sleeman Leaves  
For Hongkong

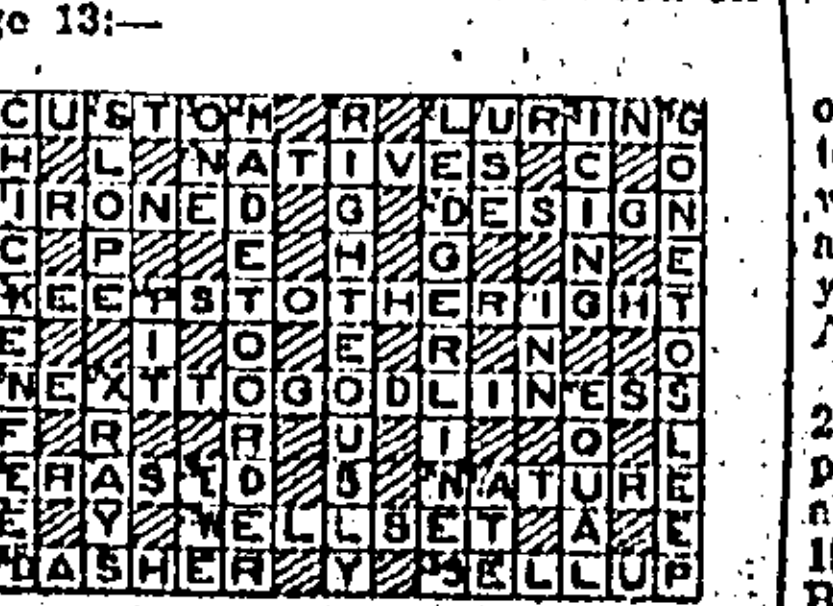
London, Dec. 30.—On behalf of the Duke of Gloucester, Colonel Sir James Sleeman, CB, CMG, Chief Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas, left for Hongkong by air today to hold an investiture and inspect local units of the Brigade.

Afterwards he will visit Singapore and Malaya.—Our Own Correspondent.

## CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1, Dotheboys; 8, Reverse; 9, Year's best; 13, Sat; 14, Hands full; 15, Monk; 17, Viet; 18, Reprimand; 19, Dainty; 20, Yellow-mun. Down: 1, Dry Sherry; 2, Train; 3, Herod; 4, Be; 5, Ore; 6, Settled in; 7, Defamed; 10, Siskin; 11, Buff; 12, Saline; 13, Suvu; 16, Opal.

Solution to Skeleton Crossword on Page 13.—

Truman Questioned  
On Kansas Speech

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Truman today told a press conference that the present Chinese Government was the one recognised by all the world. He said the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, was correct in describing as "unbelievable" Communist charges that present Chinese Government leaders, including Chiang Kai-shek, were "war criminals."

Mr. Truman said the question of further United States aid to China would be covered by him in messages to Congress. He pointed out that the question

did not come up until next April 1, when the present ECA appropriation expires.

However, his comment was not interpreted to mean that he would not see Madame Chiang again if she requested another interview.

President Truman repeated that some Russian leaders wanted peace with the United States, but he laughingly denied that he had sent the Vice-President, elect, Senator Alben Barkley, to Europe to confer with them.

At the press conference, he was bombarded with questions about his remarks in Kansas City earlier this week, when he said Russia had broken international commitments but "certain" Moscow leaders were willing to "reach an understanding" with the United States.

## NOTHING TO ADD

Asked today to clarify that statement, Mr. Truman said he could not make it any clearer, that he was not adding to it and that what he had said was still correct.

He again refused to identify those "certain" leaders, but said he had not been in contact with them.

He then volunteered that stories had been relayed to him that Senator Barkley's trip to Germany had been to arrange a meeting with Soviet leaders, with a view to future talks to clear up Soviet-American misunderstandings.

Truman said that was not correct, adding that it was a remarkable example of the extent to which speculation could go.

## SMITH RESIGNS

Both Senator Barkley and the U.S. Ambassador to Moscow, General Walter Bedell Smith, returned to Washington while the press conference was under way. General Bedell Smith confirmed that he had submitted his resignation to President Truman. He added: "I sure hope the boss will accept. I have been out of the country seven years and it's time I got back and became reacquainted."

Senator Barkley said he did not enter any Soviet occupation zone during his trip to Europe and therefore did not see any Russians.—United Press.

## NOTICE

As of 1st October, 1948, I, H. F. Shields, have taken into partnership N. J. Whelpton, L.D.S., R.C.S., Eng., and will continue to practise dentistry at the former address, Rooms 211/215 (Telephone 27447), Gloucester Building, under the partnership name of "Shields & Whelpton."

As from the 3rd January, 1949, we will also maintain an office in Kowloon at No. 1, Salisbury Road (opposite Kowloon Star Ferry, next to Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharves' main gate; Telephone 50245).

Dated 30th December, 1948.

H. F. SHIELDS.  
N. J. WHELPOTON.

GAOL FOR  
SPANISH  
DUCHESS

Madrid, Dec. 30.—The Spanish military court today sentenced the Duchess of Valencia to one year's imprisonment for Monarchist activities.

M. Jose Pardo Valmonte, who was accused with her, was given 10 months' imprisonment. The Duchess was sentenced earlier this year to 12 months in a labour camp for political propaganda and had been under house arrest following her release in June until arrested on the present charges on November 15.

A packed courtroom heard a military prosecutor accuse the blonde attractive Duchess of spreading subversive propaganda, particularly leaflets which were distributed in cinemas, after Spain had signed a trade pact with Argentina last April.

The leaflets were said to have called the pact "tantamount to the sale of Spanish independence."

The Duchess, who has already been gaoled and five times fined by the Franco Government for her political activities, reaffirmed her monarchist sympathies and repudiated the suggestion that they had been associated with Communists and Socialists in efforts to subvert the Franco regime.

Jose Pardo Valmonte, charged with the Duchess, took a similar line.—Reuter.

## UK Shoo Production

New York, Dec. 30.—Production of footwear in Britain in August totalled 9,000,000 pairs, compared with 9,000,000 pairs in August 1947 and 9,700,000 pairs in July of this year, the Footwear Council of America reported.

Shoe production in Canada totalled 2,810,034 pairs in September, compared with 2,003,024 pairs in August and 2,001,820 pairs in September 1947, the Council said.—Associated Press.

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